

Is man's authority limited or absolute?

In the biblical account, we have recorded many heroes of the faith who disobey the authority of their day. There are also statements that say we are to submit to authority. There is a tension in these ideas. When do we resist and disobey? Do we wait to the last possible moment? May I suggest, the best time is when our neighbour is treated wrongly.

*"Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth."
Albert Einstein*

God given responsibility is always accompanied by God given authority.

Authority is never authority for authority's sake. In God's economy, authority is always accompanied by a purpose, a responsibility that needs to be undertaken for the good of others. This is servant leadership.

All authority is ordained by God.

The Creator has apportioned authority by designated responsibility. This means there are different spheres of authority, and one sphere does not trump another. The individual, the family, the church and the civil spheres each have their own jurisdiction. Our unity is found in that each sphere is subject to the supremacy of God.

God ordains local authorities too.

Within each sphere there can be chains of command. Each level of authority is ordained by God. This means a local authority can hold a higher or distant authority accountable to their designated responsibilities. In God's economy, this must always be done as respectfully and orderly as possible.

Authority has boundaries.

Only give unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. Obviously there are boundaries between what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. Caesar would have us believe that all things belong to him. However, in reality all things belong to God, even Caesar. Caesar's realm is quite restricted. Many things do not belong to Caesar. Worship, our children and our lives are notable exceptions.

God abhors evil and commands that evil be overcome with good.

The explicit purpose of government is to overcome evil with good. Our obedience to those who govern us is always in this context. Whether it be children to a father, parishioners to clergy, citizens to a premier or individuals exercising self-discipline. God never gives an excuse for evil.

*Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed
by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern
what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.*
Apostle Paul

God gives us principles to aid us in identifying good and evil.

In our horizontal personal relationships, the highest principle is: For my Neighbour. Treat others as we would desire to be treated by them. Asking ourselves, would I like to be placed in their situation? If not, it is our God-given duty to act on their behalf, to the best of our ability.

The 10 Commandments also lay a foundation for our personal interactions and identification of evil - indicating the inverse also. Don't steal - Do work so you can give.

Some Evils

- Violation of Canadian constitutional law
- Isolation of healthy people
- Prohibition of labour
- Legislating businesses into unprofitability
- Imprisoning faithful pastors
- Restricting extended family care
- Civil government invading the church's sphere of authority
- Extreme and nonproductive debt
- Abortion
- Bearing False Witness
 - Agenda based reporting
 - Lack of full disclosure
 - Misinformation lacking full context
 - Disallowing and discrediting critical analysis

Good can never be accomplished by doing evil.

This is quite simply a logical impossibility. God can forgive and redeem our evil deeds, but He never requires evil. In our God-given autonomy, we choose evil to our own demise.

*Think
or someone will do it for you!
Lisa Gaumont*

When authorities are inline with their God-given responsibilities, we are to serve joyfully and fully.

We are not to serve by the letter of the law or look for loop holes. We are to give our full effort to support their directives and encourage others to do the same. This is not to be half-hearted.

Our conduct should be the same when we are being noticed as when we are not under surveillance. If we can't serve joyful, it may be a sign the authority is offside.



If not God's Authority? Whose?

The alternative to the authority of a good God is the continual tug-of-war between tyranny and anarchy. It is our will against someone else's. Responsibility becomes a tool of suppression and all authority but our own becomes the evil. This tug-of-war seems to be more and more prevalent as we move further away from the belief in a good God to whom we will give an account. Consideration for our neighbour is reduced as belief diminishes and the struggle escalates. Whether you choose to believe in God or not, He graciously provided the effective commandments for loving our neighbour. Now we can live in liberty rather than in a continual tug-of-war.

*Taking responsibility,
under God's law is the
recipe for freedom!*

In Canada, the highest law is the Constitution - based on God's supremacy.

Canadians banded together under the principles of the Constitution and its accompanying freedoms. The basic premise was the **Supremacy of God and the Rule of Law**. These two principles cannot be separated.

A Canadian Citizen has these Rights and Freedoms:

- Of conscience and religion
- Of thought, belief, opinion, expression, press and media communications
- Of assembly
- Of association
- Of mobility
- Of gaining a livelihood
- Of life, liberty and the security of person
- Of equality before and under the law
- Of not being arbitrarily detained
- Of a vote

Leaders operating outside the constitutional framework are acting unlawfully and should be charged. We have these freedoms on paper, but unless we hold one another accountable, they are simply a vapour.

Currently we do not live in a democracy. Suspension of our freedoms places the Canadian citizen under an operational dictatorship.

Putting an end to this tyranny is the responsibility of Canada's citizenry through information, resistance and the engagement of proper authority.

Conclusion:

Man's authority is not absolute, it is limited. When we cannot do the good that God requires, we must resist the evil authority and enlist another authority to protect the good that God intended.

You have
RESPONSE
Ability

Action Points

- **Embrace a Community Identity**
TRUTH-JUSTICE-FAMILY
LIFE-WORK
- **Get connected** - check out
"ForMyNeighbour.ca"
- **Support local** - support groups resisting the arbitrary, unconstitutional regulations.
- **Plead not guilty to any fines** - be ready to make your case: it is the government mandates that are unconstitutional and unlawful.
- **Don't be an unlawful enforcer.**
- **Educate your Family** - don't normalize your children to big government ideology/dependency.

Responsibility aka Authority
REVEALED



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