

1. Gen. 2:16-17 - Commanding
  2. Deut. 28:15; Lev. 10:1 - Enforcing
  3. Exod. 20:4-5; Deut. 4:40 – Instructing
  4. Rom. 9:20-21; Titus 2:15 – With the right to expect obedience
- F. Lk. 7:8 – Go, come, do.

## II. Problem With Authority:

- A. Many do not want to be under authority:
1. Matt. 22:15-22 - Government
  2. Numb. 16:1-3 - Religion
  3. Exod. 5:2 - The higher up the scale, the
  4. greater the dislike
  5. Jer. 5:1-5 - "But these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds."
- B. Proper Attitude:
1. Rom. 13:1-3; 1 Pet. 2:13ff - Government
  2. Deut. 6:24; Heb. 13:17-18 – Religion
  3. 1 Sam. 3:1-10 - "for thy servant heareth"

## Friends

Observing people in their perspective circumstances is often enlightening. Not many days hence there were a number of people standing as they awaited the arrival of a local bus. The ages varied, but they were all into their maturity. As they waited, they stood looking at the ground before them. Their eyes did not meet, and no words were uttered.

How many times do individuals enter an elevator and neither speak nor look at other occupants? As individuals go about their business, they either ignore others or make an attempt to be as inconspicuous as possible.

The opposite of adult apprehension is that of a child. They have little aversion to talking to anyone. It's true that many are shy for a while, but it doesn't last long.

Their shyness is usually seen when dealing with adults. As children, they can play and co-exist, regardless of gender or race.

What is a friend? Solomon once said, "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Proverbs 17:17).

Friendship is a term used often but attained seldom. But in those times when it is attained, the benefits are rich indeed. In 2 Chron. 20:7 and Isa. 41:8, the term is used to describe Abraham's relationship to God. In Prov. 18:24; 27:6, it is used to describe one man's relationship with another.

Of the relationships, of Proverbs 18 and 27, there are two characteristics of a friend. One, 18:24, "there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Two, 27:6, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend."

While going through life there is but one friendship that will far exceed all others, i.e., "And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul" (1 Sam. 18:1). "Knit" literally means knotted, tied firmly by indissoluble bonds. Do you have a friend whose wounds are faithful and who sticketh closer than a brother? ret

*And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each of them his censer, and put fire therein, and laid incense thereon, and offered strange fire before Jehovah, which he had not commanded them.*

*And there came forth fire from before Jehovah, and devoured them, and they died before Jehovah.*

Leviticus 10:1-2

AUTHORITY	RIGHT	LIBERTY	POWER
CHOICE	FREEDOM	ACT	RULE
ACTION	COMMANDING	ENFORCE	INSTRUCT
OBEDIENCE	PATTERN	JUSTIFY	EXERCISE

## Matthew 21:24-25

## Psalms 130:7

John 1:1-18 — Colossians 1:3-23

- A. Referring to a claim of legitimacy, justification and right to exercise that power (Wikipedia).
- B. Liberty of doing as one pleases, the ability or strength with which one is endued, the right to exercise power (W. E. Vines).
- C. Power of Choice, liberty of doing as one pleases (J.H. Thayer).
- D. Freedom and power to command and to enforce obedience, and to have possession of, and rule and dominion over (Geldenhuy's SupremeAuthority, pg. 16)
- E. Authority is, therefore, the right, liberty and freedom to act and rule. Thus, authority is the action of God in: