

Authority 2

Eph 6:1 is a word to the children to obey your parents in the King for they are His representatives. To obey or disobey your parents is the same as if you obey or disobey God. In Eph 6:2 he uses the word honor . This means to esteem, estimate the fixed value of someone, value as precious, your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise (Ex 20:12), that all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth in order to realize all of our Father's promises, in order that you would not die young. Children who dishonor their parents die young. Children who honor their parents live a long life (Eph 6:2-4).

TRAIN — Heb 12:10-11 talks about being trained as legitimate procreated children. Pr 22:6 — *Train*. If you train a horse, you have to break the horse. Before you can teach him anything, he has to be broken; he has to be trained by you. You have to be your horse's sovereign. You have to bring him under your control. You have to draw him along by discipline. You have to get his attention, causing him to turn by drawing his attention. Training is a gradual process. You cannot do it all at once. We as disciples are trained by a gradual process.

If you as parents desire the best for your children, you will obey the commandments to train your child. You will win them by drawing them to you and ultimately to our Master. Your training requires that they receive your authority in their deepest innermost parts (Pr 20:30) in order that your training is accepted. There is no way you can *teach* them before you *reach* them. You have to reach your child before you can teach your child. As parents, before your child will receive your instruction to him, the child must first honor your position. The parents have a position. They are placed in that position to be honored and respected by their children. *Honor* translated from Hebrew means to revere or have great respect for. *Honor* actually means to regard with fear, mingled with respect and affection. It is the estimate, the value you set on your parents. Some parents are held in higher regard by their children than other parents (Ex 20:12). Some are feared more than others. Some parents are not respected by their children at all. The children are commanded to honor their parents. Even if the parents are failing and falling short, the child is still commanded to honor them. Children are commanded to honor both the father and mother. Parents are to receive from their children the respect due to their position.

To *parent* means to cause to happen, to bring into being. After the child is brought into being, the parent causes him to go in the way of the Sovereign. The parents bring the child into the world by their intention and they intend to train that child in the way of the word of God.

Even if your parents are not as respectable as they should be, or if you, as parents, are not as respectable as you should be, you still hold the position. If you were to be evaluated on a scale of 1 to 10, how do you think your children would rate you? Would they give you a 10 if they were honest?

Children are to honor their father and mother, regardless of their failures, because of their position — a God-given position of rulership over their children. The parent is the ruler of the child as Messiah is our ruler. They represent Yahshua to the children the best they can. They represent Yahshua to their children according to how much *glory* they have in them.

You may think yourself little in your own eyes, but in our Father's eyes you have a great responsibility. He commands your children to honor you. So parents, neither the mother nor the father, should ever allow disrespect to be shown toward them. If you allow disrespect and dishonor to be shown toward you, you have to answer to God Himself whom you represent, because you represent God to your children. You stand in His place to your children. He will hold you accountable if you allow any disrespect at all. You deserve the utmost respect from them because of your position. You have the right to rule just as elders have a right to rule in the Edah. The word says *obey your elders for they have watch over your souls*.

Parents have the right to rule, but not to *exasperate* their children. The word *exasperate* (Eph 6:4; Col 3:21) means to provoke, infuriate, cause to fret. Do not be hard on them or harass them lest they become discouraged and sullen and morose and feel inferior and frustrated. Do not break their spirit (Amplified, Col 3:21).

Parents are to rule, but not to break their spirit. If you have a horse you have to break his will, but not his spirit. If you do not break his will, he will lead his own selfish life and not be fit for the king's carriage. You are training your children to rule the universe someday and the training period starts when they are born. Our Master rules over every aspect of our being, but He never breaks our spirit. He breaks our will, but not our spirit. Our will has to be broken to do His will. Even His own Son said, "Not My will, but Your will be done." The Father's will and the Son's will were not separate. The father's will and his children's will have to be one. You, as parents, know the difference between ruling your child and discouraging him. True rulership means to encourage. *TO ENCOURAGE!*

When we see our old self-life being dealt with, it encourages us. Parents must know the balance. Children will carry resentment in their hearts if the father (or someone else) has exasperated them. (The parents have full authority over the child — no one else — only the parents and whomever the parents give the right to discipline their child.

If someone says to a child, "You're going to Spain tomorrow," before asking the parents, that is out of order. It is lawlessness because the parents have absolute authority and you must always check with the parents.

God has given the parents the right to rule — not necessarily because they earned the right to rule or the right to be honored. It is good to desire to earn it, but He has given that right to them regardless. The degree to which the child can honor is the degree to which the parent exercises his God-given proper authority to rule that child. Our Master is perfect, impeccable, so we have to honor Him absolutely. If we fall short of that we have to be disciplined and repent because he is worthy of our honor and worship —*worship*.

But parents are not going to be perfect; neither will our children's honoring of them be perfect. But it is like the man with the ten talents. You have to use every single talent that you have. Children are to honor their parents because they hold a position of authority. *Position* is the place where they have been placed by God to represent *His* authority. Parents hold a position of authority in God's place. The one must represent the other (without being the other) to the third. As with Moses and Aaron in Ex 4:16, Moses had the *position* as God over the people like parents have that position over their children.

It is necessary that you know His words, the Proverbs, the gospels and epistles and the Old Testament as much as possible. Then you will have a basis of knowledge and wisdom to draw from to make your judgments. The more you judge objectively, the more respect will be due to you as parents. But if you judge subjectively according to your feelings, then you will surely err. In the same way, elders must not speak subjectively, according to their feelings, or they are going to make many mistakes. But if they judge objectively, they will see the wisdom of their judgments. You must rule with the word of God.

You must know the principles of true authority. We are beginning a lifetime of service under good, righteous authority, but we are only *beginning*. It is like seeing a building that is in the process of being built. You go to see it in the early stages and it is covered with scaffolding. You cannot even see the building itself. Everything looks disorderly. But if you see underneath the scaffolding a building *is* being built. *We* are in a lot of disorder now, but the day is going to come when we are in order. A lot of people have come and gone and judged too quickly. They judged according to their feelings and not according to the truth.

You, as parents, need to understand the principles of authority in order to accept and function in the position God has given you. The same is true if you are a single remaining parent.

In Gen 18:19 you can see our position as sons of Abraham and why Abraham was chosen and why he was foreknown by God so that he would train his children. He was chosen to train his children (Heb 2:16). He is the father — Abraham — so he is the first parent of the offspring Israel. He was chosen to command his sons after him to keep the way of YHWH. We know that we are the seed of Abraham (Gal 3:29). If you belong to Messiah, who is Abraham's seed, then you are Abraham's seed. The promise is the land in Israel — all the land. Israel has never gained that land. He chose Abraham to train his sons to make a people who walk *in the way they should go* in order that the promise would be gained by those who *have* been trained, making a nation that is worthy to rule with Him. In 4000 years that has never happened. It must happen in this age in the restoration of the twelve tribes of Israel who are scattered in the world.

Our responsibility is weighty. We are to be honored. *Honor* in Hebrew is *kabed* —to be heavy, weighty. As parents you are to be honored. If you are going to be honored, you have to act with the authority that has been delegated to you. If you are a delegated authority, you have been sent.

Authority is a word that is almost rejected in the world today because there is so much *bad authority*. Now people regard authority as something bad. Authority is a concept that causes negative reaction in those who do not understand its proper meaning and use. People from the 1960s on, especially in America, have been programmed against the concept of authority. The general attitude results in distrust of all authority, disrespect for all positions of authority altogether. Many parents have given up their role and have withdrawn even the proper use of their authority. We need to know the principle of authority so we will not be deceived into a *programmed reaction* against the *very thing* God has established to save us. In the world, if a person does not respect authority there is no hope for him for he is not worthy of the nations. If he respects authority he will go to the first death, but not necessarily the second — he may go to the nations. Our conscience should teach us to honor authority, but the whole world now has a programmed reaction against the principle of authority, which is the very thing God has established to save us.

Characteristics of Authority

We must learn the characteristics of God's authority to determine the principles of human authority. We must determine the principles of human authority. We must know this as parents, and represent His authority properly. Your child may have been a mistake in your eyes, but our Father has a purpose for that child so you must repent and become proper parents through the reforming of your mind, exercising your authority.

Authority means the right to rule. The more erect the rod is, the more accurately you are going to judge. The plumb line goes straight down — this is essential for proper building. If it is not erected by the plumb line, the building cannot be built perfectly. Thus without absolute authority from the Master, the temple will not be built. We are a temple being built, and when that temple is built (Mal 3:1) with the absolute standard of the word of God and the Spirit, He will come to it. You have to have both. You cannot have the Spirit without the word — it would be impossible to build on the word without the Spirit. If you have only one, the building cannot be built.

Authority is the power to act, the power to decide, the power to command, the power to judge — legal power. Parents have legal power over children. Authority is power, rule, sway, influence. The Body may be going off course, but when a person with authority comes he can bring it back into rightness. It is possible that bad authority can sway the Body also. Your wife can sway you to wrong action. Queens have swayed kings to wrong judgments. Satan sways us many times. Eph 2:1; Gal 1:4 — You were under the sway of the driving force of this age. You were obedient to him and were under his control. Now if you are in the air with your head uncovered you are still under the evil prince and power of the air. He is the one who causes you to hate the idea of authority, but without authority this Body could not have been established. Without authority Island Pond could not have been established. Without authority no community of the Body of Messiah could be established. Without authority parents cannot discipline their children. They have legal authority to act in God's place.

Parents have authority. You have been given the authority. Mt 28:18 — "I have all authority ... therefore go make disciples..." He sent them in His Name, in His place, to make disciples. They are authorized to do what they do. Parents are authorized by God to discipline their children; they stand in God's place. Jn 13:20; Lk 10:16; Rom 10:14; 1 Jn 4:6 — These are spiritual *principles*.

If this legal power is given to parents, then this authority is to be used. Parents are agents to bring about a change. Apostles and sent ones are agents to bring about a change. If they do not use the authority they have been given, they lose their right to rule. If parents do not use their authority over the child, he becomes wild and selfish.

Those parents do not properly represent the Sovereign God, therefore they will not be fit for the kingdom because what we are going to do in the kingdom is rule. If we do not use our authority (your talent, whether 10, 5, 2, or 1), then you lose your right to rule in the next age. You must be aggressive (*takeef*), motivated by the

Spirit of God, righteous authority. If good government is in authority, everyone rejoices. But if wicked government is in power, there is going to be rebellion, insurrection, revolt.

Good government is here to protect you. If it were not for policemen, we would live in fear. People come against policemen because of their authority. Now policemen are fearful to even use their authority to punish evildoers because the public and the press always come against them. They will not let policemen use their guns (swords). This is in the nations, and they have to use the authority they have.

In the same way, if you are a parent, you have to use the authority you have. Parents are authorized; they derive their authority from the legal authority of God. He is the one who gave the children to their parents to raise them for a little while to be Sons of God and rule the universe in His place. He wants to dwell in us forever and rule the universe through us. His authority is invested in parents to procreate, and to discipline. We know that procreated children are loved. Propagated children are hated. Procreated children are disciplined because their parents love them. Propagated children are not disciplined because their parents do not really love them.

You must know this so that you will understand your authority and you can pass it on to your children and them to their children in order for something wonderful to happen. The promise to Abraham is going to come true if we understand authority.

Parents have been given the right to set policy. Policy is fundamental constitution that is carried out and backed up by the constitution. Parents have the rulership to command subordination. Children are subordinate to the parents and the parents have the power to administer judgment to those who disobey. They have the power to reward those who conform to their word.

At first glance it may appear that all authority is unbridled power used to oppress those who are subjected to it. This has been true in socialist countries where they tell people what to do and give them money (welfare), housing, etc. But this is bad authority, falsely used, which is oppression. There has been bad authority everywhere — bad kings, bad presidents, bad mayors, but it does not change the principle of authority. All things have to be restored.

Over the past 2000 years true authority has been destroyed in the church. The prince of the power of the air has made his inroads into Christianity and it will not stand. It has put a bad light on all authority. Its excesses have made men fear authority. But the power of true authority is not without controls or limits. God has established rules and boundaries to control the power. The United States Constitution had tried to establish the proper balance of power, knowing that the government is only established to defend and protect the people. But now socialism is creeping in and taking away individuals' personal freedom, so even in the USA, soon they will be controlled beyond proper limits of authority.

But the US government was originally set up so that the power would be in the hands of the people, not the government. Our Father has established rules to govern the use of all authority. The US government knew how dangerous it would be to put authority in the unchecked hands of men. They had had to rebel against the unjust authority of England and God allowed the US to win that war in order to bring about His purpose. He is sovereign over earthly governments.

Dan 4:34 — God is supreme over Nebuchadnezzar and *over all kings*. Nebuchadnezzar had the most powerful rulership in all the earth, but God disciplines kings and he disciplined Nebuchadnezzar for several years (Dan 4:17,25,26,32).

The *Most High* is a title that is used for God, not man. It is a title to describe God's absolute position of authority. No one is above Him. We are in His hand and are secure in His hand — at peace, at rest.

Dan 4 describes the extent of God's rule. He has the right to rule all He creates and the right to use His creatures according to His will. In Dan 4:35 Nebuchadnezzar says that even as king, he has no right to say to God, "What are you doing?" The Creator's authority is over the inhabitants of the earth and the entire angelic creation. He rules over everything. We are safe in His hands when we are in Him.

We must know about authority to be Israel. Otherwise we could not be Israel, could not establish the twelve tribes. We would only be Christians who are waiting to die so they can go to heaven.

Jehu: I see how we got influenced by the sway of the prince of the air with lack of respect. The whole world comes under that. Our Father is bringing us back. We want to raise our children in the way of

our Father and people cannot even understand it anymore.

N'su: I saw we've been given the complete authority to carry out our Father's authority. There is no power on earth that can hold us back from carrying out His purpose if we give ourselves to Him, except for something in us. But if we give ourselves under His authority, no hand can come against it if we are submitted to him.

Jonathan: we have been given authority to rule over our children in his place. It is a great responsibility — in His place. It is important to represent Him perfectly. Since we have been given authority we have to use it. If we do not, we misuse it.

Andreas: we have good government. I see more and more government is good so I give up more and more my rebellion.

Asher: I am thankful there is a new picture of authority. I see that behind this authority is a purpose. Yahshua has all authority and he has given it to us to establish his authority on earth. Christians do not want authority. Because it is practical in a lot of ways...

Yoneq encouraged Asher, who has been in the body for about 6 months, that if he could not express what was really in him, it was OK. He said it was a miracle to be able to connect what is in your soul and your mind and make it come out of your mouth to where other people can understand what you are saying. So don't worry about eeking it out. He said that someday we are all going to speak with authority and people are going to hear and say God is in your midst.

Meshullem: Where there is good authority there is peace and where there is no authority there is chaos. We have to represent our Father to our children and that is only if we know him. The way we know him is to listen to our brothers and sisters and if we are in this order then we come to know our Father.

Yoceph: In the last two nights I have been hearing the blessing and the curse. I have hope. There is a blessing if we discipline our children in the right way. If no there — is a curse. If we truly train them then we will be honored by them — the blessing. If we do not, then we will be dishonored — the curse. I see that there is a standard that our Father is raising on the face of the earth for us as parents. But he does not leave us a standard and then leave us without anything to attain it. But last night I heard that He gives us grace and tonight I heard that he has given authority. He gives us grace if we heed what he tells us. We have been given authority as parents because our Father put us in that place. He gave us the authority and he provides the grace.

I'm thankful I am understanding this so I can actually start doing that. I'm thankful that there is a people who are coming to understand that in their hearts. Prov 13:9 — There is a light that is going to grow and increase and shine brightly — those who are righteous. But the light of the wicked goes out. I know there was a candlestick once and the candlestick went out because the parents did not raise up their children — a second generation. And maybe there have been other people who wanted to do something but they did not ever train their children in the way they should go. But our Father is now giving us the opportunity to understand that the grace and authority has been given to us to raise up a generation of children who will follow in the ways of our Father and be part of that people who will be a light to the nations in order to represent good authority — a people who represent God on the face of the earth. People will see that there is good government with good authority which comes from the Creator.

Just as authority has been misrepresented by bad authority, our Father has been misrepresented on the earth by bad representatives who claim to know him. It is hard for people to submit to him because all they have ever seen is Christianity, which does not represent the character of our Father — oneness. I see the importance of what we are hearing tonight. It has everything to do with the hearts of the fathers being restored to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, Mal 4:6. I'm thankful that I have a gauge for myself of what I'm going to do, if I'm going to heed the words of our Father or know, and I know the consequences. I have hope because in my heart I know I want to do it. I want to heed the words I hear. I desire the blessing. I don't want the land to be cursed. I want to see the blessing come to my family, to the whole edah, to the earth so that a nation could be born so a light could come to the earth so Yahshua's kingdom could come to the earth.

Lebanah: In the world I had a [certain] image of authority but now I see Caleb David and I read King David. He is like King David. He was so humble and for that he was king. He was representing our Father.

We have a good king and all the people rejoice.

Amen.