

LESSON 15: RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

Authority

In general _____ sorts or types of authority exist

Examples: _____

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A fight in the hallway

Read the descriptions given of four people, the situation that follows and then answer the questions.

Mr. Sourpuss is 55. He's been an English teacher all his life. He thinks he's quite something. When he teaches a class, at least two children (and sometimes six!) will get sent out of class. Yet his classes are always chaotic and disorderly.

Mrs. Loveya is 30. She teaches mathematics. Students usually don't like maths. The weird thing is, though, Mrs. Loveya always finds a way to make lessons fun. She doesn't always finish her classes, so sometimes there's lots of homework. But then again, if something is bothering you, Mrs. Loveya will take time out to listen to you.

Angelina is in Grade 10. She comes from a well-to-do family and always wears the latest trends. She's quite the show-off. She's always trying to get people to like her, and will often buy others lunch. To be honest, nobody really does like her. But who's going to pass up a free lunch?

Robby is in Grade 11. His clothes are usually quite worn out (and dirty). He's always prepared to help someone else, but often does his own thing. Some of his friends smoke, but he doesn't. "I don't want cancer when I'm old."

The situation: Between classes, two students get into a fight in front of the library door. It happens when Mr. Sourpuss, Mrs. Loveya, Angelina and Robby are all nearby.

Imagine you are one of those fighting and one of the above four should try to break up the fight. Would you listen and stop fighting if it was:

1 Mr. Sourpuss? _____ because _____

2. Mrs. Loveya? _____ because _____

3. Angelina? _____ because _____

4. Robby? _____ because _____

5. Who of these 4 has/have official authority? _____

6. Who of these 4 has/have personal authority? _____

7. Who is most likely to succeed when interfering? _____

8. Who is least likely to succeed when interfering? _____

Bible Study: Ephesians 6:1-4

1. What are the children told to do? _____

2. What are the fathers (parents) told not to do? _____

What does this mean? _____

3. What are the fathers (parents) to do instead? _____

4. How should they do this? _____

Authority and God

In a perfect world, all who have authority would have both official and personal authority. This world is not perfect: not all with official authority also have personal authority.

God's commandment is

Not just parents

Due obedience

“Due” means _____

If an authority commands _____

If an authority commands _____

Sphere Sovereignty

“Sphere Sovereignty” is the idea that God has created _____,
in which different bodies/individuals are the highest authority under God.

The basic main spheres are:

_____ : authority is _____ _____ : authority is _____

_____ : authority is _____