

*The seat of authority is final say*

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“Because I said so, that’s why.”

These are probably familiar words for all of us. As children, how many times did we hear that response from our parents? Early in life we began to learn about authority and permission. Through the years, we become accustomed to many kinds of authority – teachers, employers, government, etc. Along the way we can either listen to these types of authority or choose our own way. Eventually, though, everyone has to submit to authority, either by choice or compulsion.

One of the keys to a successful and fulfilling life is to understand that the seat of authority is final say. The Bible tells us that God has established authority on the earth as well as in heaven. So ultimately, we are either obeying or disobeying God when we follow the rules and guidelines of those in authority over us. By being good employees, good citizens, and good examples, we are actually honoring God and being good children to our heavenly Father.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, I want to be a good, obedient child of Yours. I know that life is not all about me, but You. Please remind me that all authority ultimately comes from You. Please show me how I can work with authority today to build success into my future.

*Scriptures for Today*

Proverbs 19:21 You can make many plans, but the Lord’s purpose will prevail. (NLT)

Romans 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. (NKJV)