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*Decisions require decision makers*

Parents should be firm in their decisions while raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Just because other children are allowed to misbehave or run their own lives at an early age does not mean it's best. Many times children, influenced by their friends, can see caring parents as being dictatorial and unfairly strict.

Adults can also feel unfairly governed from time to time in situations of life. People in authority are often called upon to make unpopular decisions which can limit others. The legitimate voice of a leader can be viewed by those who are negatively affected as dictatorial. However, some situations call for bold decision making from legitimate leaders standing in their place.

*Prayer for Today*

Oh Father, help me to recognize and teach me to follow the legitimate leaders You have placed in my life. As I do, Lord, give grace to those who find themselves governed by my decisions. Help them to see me doing my best to do my duty. May I always please You, Sir.

*Scriptures for Today*

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (NIV)

Romans 13:1-2 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. (NIV)