

## Roles & Responsibilities (R&R): Rest in God's Delegation—1 Everyone

### I. Introduction

- A. How many like authorities or authority structures? Why?
- B. Is government good or bad? Why?
- C. Where do all authorities ultimately derive their power? Even bad authorities?
- D. Do you think authority structures are important? Why?

### II. Scripture

- A. **Word Study (KJV).** The words "role," "roles," "responsibility," and "responsibilities" are not found in the Bible. The words "**authority**" (37 times) and "**authorities**" (1 time) are found 38 times in the Bible. The words "**principalities**" is found 7 times, and 5 of those times includes "**powers**." The words "**rule**" (86 times) and "**rulers**" (78 times) are found in Scripture. The words "**leader**" (3 times), "**leaders**" (3 times), and "**leadership**" (0 times) in Scripture. The words "**king**" (2,540 times), "**kings**" (334 times), "**queen**" (54 times), and "**queens**" (3 times) are found in Scripture. For the family structure, "**father**" (1,126 times), "**fathers**" (549 times), "**mother**" (320 times), and "**mothers**" (7 times) "**child**" (205 times), "**children**" (1822 times), "**son**" (2,393 times), "**sons**" (1,105 times), "**daughter**" (327 times), and "**daughters**" (254 times) are observed. In the workforce, the words "**master**" (181 times), "**masters**" (22 times), "**servant**" +23 other synonyms (1,576 times), "**employer**" (0 times), "**employee**" (0 times), but "**hire**" (23 times), "**hired**" (34 times), and "**hireling**" (9 times) are found in the whole of Scripture.
- B. **Gen. 1:26-28**—*"26-And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27-So God created man in His Own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. 28-And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.'"*
- C. **Gen. 2:18-24**—*"18-And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. 19-And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto*

*Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20-And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. 21-And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22-And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23-And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24-Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”*

- D. *1Co. 11:3—“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.”*
  
- E. *Eph. 5:21—“Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”*
  
- F. *Rom. 13:1-7—“1-Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2-Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3-For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4-For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5-Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience’s sake. 6-For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7-Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.”*

### III. Application

- A. How does the world view authority of any kind?
  
- B. Why does God put authorities over us all?
  
- C. Discuss: If I submit to God’s role/authorities in my life, I believe I will be abused or blessed (taken advantage of; treated like a doormat; assisting authorities to be better and treat me better; rewarded in heaven, have more unity on earth, pleasing God...).

- D. 5 **I-wills** of following God's proper role and authority structure.
1. **I will** go against the world's culture and live according to God's role and authority structure under which He has called and placed me.
  2. **I will** quickly apologize and recommit to my role and authority(s), when I fail.
  3. **I will** raise meek and quiet daughters in a loud and proud world (**1Pe. 3:4**).
  4. **I will** raise loving servant-leader sons in a selfish master-dominated world.
  5. **I will** choose contentment in the role and responsibilities God has entrusted me (**Php. 4:11; 1Ti. 6:6; Jos. 24:15**).
- E. Why is doing your best and submitting (with a great attitude) to an undeserving authority, one of the most powerful testimonies no matter what role you have?
- F. I will earnestly pray for, intercede for, and give thanks for my authorities (**1Ti. 2:1-2**)?