

# EXERCISING AUTHORITY

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## INTRODUCTION

Bible authority is one of the most important subjects that anyone can study. Once a person has mastered the ability to read and write, a basic understanding of God's Word is critical in establishing an understanding of the true meaning of life itself. But in order to come to a basic understanding of how the Bible is to be used in daily living, a person must have an understanding of how to establish Bible authority for the things that he or she does.

A great deal of credit must be given to those who have developed previous class material centered upon the study of Bible authority. However, certain past materials have been designed to address issues which have caused divisions amongst God's people. Other materials have dealt with weightier though necessary approaches to the exegesis of Scripture. While these approaches are profitable for some students of the Bible, there seems to be a limited amount of material to help establish authority on issues of daily spiritual living for the majority of Bible students.

This book is designed to serve as an exploratory study aid to people of various levels of Bible knowledge. It is hoped that both the novice and the experienced Bible student will find these exercises profitable. It is our desire to help the student come to a clearer understanding of Bible authority. It is also our desire to make the exercise of Bible authority easily applied to all aspects of one's life.













These exercises will use common sense and simplicity in their approach, because the author is simple and finds that common sense is a vital tool in understanding God's authority. He has also learned most of what he knows of Scripture from a common sense approach that has been guided by very capable and well-grounded teachers.

This study will also focus upon assisting the student in drawing his or her own conclusion from Scripture rather than attempting to justify any dogma or creed of any particular individual or group of religious people.

It is also hoped that these lessons can serve as an aid to Christians who desire to instruct others in establishing Bible authority, whether that be in a formal classroom setting or a one-on-one personal Bible study.

**Finally, while using these exercises, the student and the teacher alike must keep in mind that this workbook is only a study aid. Whatever study aids or references one may use in their study of Scripture, the primary book of study is the Bible, the Word of God.**

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### EXERCISE SERIES #1 - Some Key Scriptures



Following are some key scriptures to consider when looking into the realm of Bible authority. Examine each scripture and consider its significance by answering the question posed.

#### A. OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

1. After considering the following scriptures (NKJV), use the space below to write what they have to say about man's wisdom.

**“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”**

*Proverbs 14:12; 16:25*

**“O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”**

*Jeremiah 10:23*

2. After considering the following scriptures, use the space below to write what they have to say about God's wisdom.

**“8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.**

**“9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”**

*Isaiah 55:8-9*

**“22 Then Samuel said, ‘Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.’”**

*1 Samuel 15:22*

**“2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.”**

*Deuteronomy 4:2*

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B. NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

1. After considering the following scripture, use the space below to write about what man's attitude should be regarding righteousness.

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”** *Matthew 6:33*

2. Tell what the following scriptures say about the contrast between a person's actions and God's expectations of him or her.

**“21 Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

**“22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’**

**“23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ ”** *Matthew 7:21-23*

**“8 ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.**

**“9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”** *Matthew 15:8-9*

**“9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.**

**“10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;**

**“11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”** *2 John 9-11*

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3. Explain what the following scriptures say about the things that should guide our actions.

**“18 Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’”**  
*Matthew 28:18*

**“16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.”**  
*Philippians 3:16*

**“17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”**  
*Colossians 3:17*

4. Explain what the following scriptures tell us about how to respond to and use the Word of God.

**“16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,  
“17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

**“20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,  
“21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”**  
*2 Peter 1:20-21*

**“18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;  
“19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”**  
*Revelation 22:18-19*