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COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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Service Times:

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11 AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7 PM

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*Do not withhold good from those to
whom it is due, When it is in the power
of your hand to do so.*

Proverbs 3:27 NKJV



THOUGHTFULNESS

LEADERSHIP AND AUTHORITY EVERYWHERE

Alan Judd

Those that were blessed along with Amy and me to attend the marriage retreat last week were treated to numerous excellent lessons on marriage and family matters. I know I have already encouraged you to make plans to attend this event next year, and I am not going to repeat the same plea in this article.

Instead, I want to reiterate something Bro. Eric Owens mentioned in two different lessons he delivered. He observed how our contemporary culture dislikes the idea of authority, but this disdain for the concept is nothing new. "Question Authority" was the slogan popularized by Timothy Leary, a controversial psychologist, in the 1960s in response to opposition against the Vietnam conflict. (All I have studied about Leary indicates he was a "quack." For example, he advocated the benefits of taking LSD.) After the Watergate scandal and President Nixon's resignation, it seems this two-word formula became the guiding principle of an entire generation. This mindset continues to prevail in the children and now the grandchildren/great-grandchildren of those who were young people in the 1960s.

Yet, the idea of questioning or resisting authority is much older than this. Some academics find in the writings/teachings of the Greek philosopher Socrates (he lived about 400 years before Christ) this notion of not blindly following the dictates/laws of those in positions of power. However, the idea is much older than Socrates. In fact, it dates back to the dawn of time and the Garden of Eden was the place where Satan, in serpent form, asked Eve: "Has God indeed said . . .?" This wicked temptation planted a seed of doubt in the mind of Eve and led her down a path of thinking and questioning in opposition to the authority of God, which ultimately led to her sin and disobedience that brought consequences felt to the present hour.

Authority/Leadership is observed between a government and its citizens. Paul discusses this at length in Romans 13. Leadership/authority structure is necessary on the job site. A boss/manager/foreman/supervisor is given authority by the business owner/board and the employees are expected to respect his/her authority and follow the instructions they give. Teacher/student, coach/player, and parent/child along with many other examples could be cited. Elders are granted authority by God and tasked with the duties of leading, feeding, shepherding, providing, and protecting the members of the local congregation. Members should joyfully submit to this leadership authority according to *Hebrews 13:17*.

Remarkably, this concept seems difficult for many to appreciate and comply with as it relates to marriage. Many times, the man/husband does not want to lead and many times the woman/wife does not want to follow. Whenever either or both results, the home is weakened and not able to function as God designed. Consequently, the happiness, joy, and harmony God intended will not be enjoyed! A man might be a manager at work but would need to submit in the church to the Elders. A woman might be a principal at school but must submit to her husband at home. God has organized and intended for leadership and authority to be respected in every area of life. Some (men and women) are stubborn and want to do what they want to do. The child of God will respect authority and leadership in every facet of life and will seek to properly fill the role of leader or follower as the particular situation dictates.

SHOWING LOVE TO YOUR MATE IN WAYS THAT COUNT

(These points were presented in a lesson Neal Pollard delivered at the marriage retreat.)

1–Do Something That Is Truly Meaningful To Them--(Acts Of Service=wash dishes, help with housework, lighten their load--*Philippians 2:3-4*.)

2–Say Something That Is Essential To Them—(*Colossians 4:6*=reassure them of their value/talents, express your devotion, appreciation, and admiration.)

3–Pray Something That Is Helpful To Them--(When you're close or not, it will benefit you both, it is hard to be angry with one you pray fervently for each day--*1 Peter 3:7*.)

4–Lift Something That Is Too Heavy For Them--(Your thoughtful compassion will be appreciated, ladies this can be an emotional burden too--*Galatians 6:2*.)

5–Show Them Something That Is Useful To Them--(Your example, but this is not simply always trying to make them do things your way--*Ephesians 5:22-33*.)

6–Give Them Something That Is Appreciated By Them--(Forgiveness, patience, understanding and such like are gifts that money cannot buy--*Galatians 5:22-23*.)

7–Go Somewhere That's Special To Them--(Sentimentally; geographically.)

8–Study Something That Pertains To Them--(The Bible, of course, but also other books on the subject of marriage and family issues can be helpful.)

9–Hope Something That Is About Them--(Their best; their salvation; their happiness; if you look for the best you will find it, if you look for the worst you will find that too, let's look and hope for the best--*1 Corinthians 13:7*.)

10–Be Someone That Is Respected By Them--(This can only be accomplished if we are truly following and fulfilling our assigned role in marriage according to the design and directions of God--*Ephesians 5:22-33*.)

* Available soon to our Crossville church of Christ Library: DVD videos of all lessons presented at the 2019 Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat & USB Drive that contains audio lessons from 2005-2019 that can be played in cars, & files that can be added to computers or smartphones. Be sure to check for availability and take advantage of these Bible-based principles and seek ways to help improve your marriage.