

# Nepal 1/21 BEHAVIOR OF BELIEF Part 17: Principle Of Authority #1

Belief is never just a thought — it becomes a posture.

When I submit rightly to authority, I show what I truly believe about God.

**I honor God by submitting to human authority God has placed in my life**

— **unless they require me to disobey God**

God's authority is **ultimate**; human authority is delegated.

- **Rom 13:1** Authority originates with God
  - God is not improvising—He is ordering.
- **Rom 13:3–4** Authority restrains chaos
  - Government is meant to reward good, restrain evil
- **Rom 13:5–7** Submission is worship when it's from the heart
  - Not just “compliance,” but conscience.

**Is a train free** when it can do and go where it wants, whenever it wants?

— Or is it free when it is restricted to its tracks  
and runs by the rules laid out for trains?

- ◆ A train becomes most effective, safest, and fastest **because** it stays within boundaries.
  - **Freedom isn't “no authority.”**
  - **Freedom is being rightly aligned with the authority of God**

Freedom isn't the **absence** of limits — freedom is the **right** limits.

- No one like rules but they are ***normal, natural, & necessary***
- We may not like some rules, & yet every day we observe them

Obey laws that do not contradict Scripture (traffic laws, taxes, civic duties).

- Replace “They don't deserve it” with “**God deserves my obedience.**”

**1 Pe 2:17 Practice honor in speech: no slander, no rage-posting, no contempt**

- What would it be like if no one observed the speed limit or traffic lights?
- Submission to authority might not always sit well with you.
- We have a fleshly nature that wants to rebel & do as we please

We may not always agree with authority over us in our lives, but if God has allowed them to be in place, we need to submit to them as unto the Lord.

### **God is a God of order and rules.**

- **Romans 13:1–7** — authority and government
- **1 Peter 2:13–17** — submission as witness
- **1 Timothy 2:1–8** — prayer for leaders brings peace
- **Hebrews 13:17** — authority in the church
- **Ephesians 6:1–3** — authority in the home
- **Acts 5:29** — the limit line: God over man
- **1 Corinthians 14:40** — God's heart for order