

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections gives you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

God's Jealousy

Reflection: Exodus 20:4-6; Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:23-24; Deuteronomy 32:21; Zechariah 8:1-5

Life Response: 2 Corinthians 11:1-3; Galatians 5:19-21



A Discipleship Journey
Relate - Relating to Authority
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What is authority?

Authority is defined as the power to give orders or make decisions; the power or right to direct or control someone or something.

God is the ultimate authority as He is the creator of all things.

God has established all authorities on earth.

As we submit to authority it shapes us, and it yields fruit and blessing in our lives.

We rebel against authority because we want to be our own authority.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. - Romans 13:1

Walking under authority is meant to be a blessing.

The devil hates authority because he himself rebelled against authority.

Submission involves **voluntarily** placing oneself under God given authority as an act of faith in the sovereignty of God.

When we submit to someone in authority we are submitting to God.

Where does submission end?

“The will of God will not take you where the grace of God will not protect you”

Daniel 3:13-28

Daniel 6:4-5, 10, 13-27

1 Kings 18

Who is your ultimate authority?

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Discussion Questions:

- 1) When we talk about relating to authority why does our society react so negatively to this idea?**
- 2) Why should we acknowledge God as the ultimate authority?**
- 3) What are some of the blessings of being under Godly authority?**
- 4) Can you think of ways in which Jesus submitted to the authority of God the Father?**
- 5) Where does submission to authority rightly come to an end?**
- 6) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were asked to bow to the golden image created by the king. What are some current ideologies our culture demands that we bow to?**

Prayer: Pray for the ability to submit to Godly authority in your life. Pray also for boldness to stand up to ungodly authority that would try to usurp the place of God who is your ultimate authority.