

NOTES ON AUTHORITY

Almost everywhere we look these days authority in under challenge:

1. The authority of the family. Why some children challenge the authority of the parents:
 1. Bickering and fussing between the parents.
 2. Night clubbing, drinking, late hours out caring little about the children.
 3. Mother's smoking, drinking, cussing, dressing in a way not conducive to the mental ideal that children hold of what a true mother should be.
 4. This same thing goes for the father also.
2. The authority of the university. Why is this authority challenged?
 1. In many instances the professors have been busy teaching atheism and that man came from or is at least a double cousin to the apes.
 2. Teaching kids that there is no God and that they came from animals:
 1. Then why be surprised that they are acting like animals?
 3. The picture of students at Cronell coming out of the university building armed with guns sent a shudder through this country.
3. The authority of the community and state.
 1. There is violent opposition to law...any law that seems to get in the way of a total disregard for the rights of others.
 2. Such statements as "taking it from the haves and giving it to the have-nots" coming out of Washington and coupled with "give-away" programs of every sort and kind have led to the confusion of many as to their responsibility in working or not working for an honest living.
4. Authority of the church is challenged.
 1. When the authority of the Bible is displaced with the authority of the church then it is time for the authority of the church to be challenged.

MANY ASK WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH?

1. The church has no right to teach any other than what the Bible teaches.
 1. 1 Peter 4:11; "If any speak let him speak as the oracles of God..."

2. The Roman Catholic church is experiencing rebellion in a very pronounced way among her priests especially at the point of celibacy as demanded by the authority of the Roman church and in no way by the authority of the Bible.
 1. More than thirty priests, according to report, from Detroit, Michigan sent word to Rome recently that they believed in the right of the priesthood to marry.
 2. Maybe these priests have been reading their New Testament where Paul said there would be those in the last days 1 Timothy 4:3;
"Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."