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**LIVING WITH GOD VICTORIOUSLY  
THE BIBLE IS AUTHORITATIVE  
Romans 13:1-2**

**Who is in charge? Rev. 22:18-19; Deut. 4:32; 12:32**

- We seek to be the source of **His** own authority.
- We seek to be the source of **moral** truth.
- We see the deterioration of society when **we** seek to be the authority.

**Authority.**

- **God** is the ultimate authority. Rom. 13:1-2; 8:19-21; Ps. 119:89; 135:6; 115:3; Is. 45:18; Acts 1:7; Neh. 9:6
- Jesus Christ **declares** His authority. Matt. 28:18; 24:35; Mark 1:27; John 3:35; 17:3; 14:9; 10:30
- God has **delegated** authority.
  - **Government.** Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-14
  - **Family.** Eph. 5:20-6:4; Col. 3:20; 1 Pet. 3:1-7
  - **Church.** Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:2-3
  - **Business** (employers and employees). Col. 3:22-24; Eph. 6:5-6

**How God's authority works in our lives (application).**

- He leads us by **giving** us His guidance. Prov. 3:5-6; Ps. 37:25; 119:105; John 16:13; Gal. 5:16; Ps. 5:8
- He leads us in having the **right** set of values. Is. 5:20-21; Rom. 12:21; Prov. 3:7; 1 Cor. 15:33
- He leads us in how we are to **treat** one another. Mark 12:31; John 15:12; Eph. 4:29, 32; Matt. 7:21; Phil. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:10

**TWO NARRATIVES ABOUT MORAL TRUTH**

1. *"The biblical narrative: Moral truth is grounded in the character of God; it is objective and universal. This truth is known by discovering the nature of God and his ways as revealed through scripture and within nature."*
2. *"The cultural narrative: Moral truth comes from the individual; it is subjective and situational. This truth is known through choosing to believe it and through personal experience (i.e., you are the creator of your own truth)."*

THE BEAUTY OF INTOLERANCE  
Josh McDowell