

Zoom Class—January 24, 2021

Following the Example of Jesus in Our Approach to Authority

1. How careful was Jesus to speak ONLY what the Father gave Him to speak? (John 7:14-18; 8:28; 12:49-50; 14:24; 17:8).
2. Carefully read Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17:20-21. According to 1 John 2:24 and 2 John 1:9, how can be sure that we are one with the Father and the Son?
3. Read Luke 7:8 and answer these two questions: 1) Did this centurion have a good grasp of the meaning of authority? 2) What if these soldiers acted on their own, without a "go" or "come" or "do"?
4. Now, think about the One who has "all authority" over us, our King, Jesus Christ.
 - a. Does He give us a "go" or "do" on singing? (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).
 - b. Does He give us a "go" on the use of instruments (piano, organ, guitar, etc.)? Can we find a command for such in the New Testament? An example? Anything that even implies it should be done?
 - c. Anyone found a "go" for local churches to build and maintain recreational facilities?
5. "Though Balak were to give his house full of silver and gold, **I could not beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more**" (Numbers 22:18).
 - a. Balaam had his issues, but did he express the right attitude toward the authority of God's word? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 5:32; 12:32; Joshua 1:7; Proverbs 30:5-6; Galatians 1:6-9; 3:15; 2 John 1:9; Revelation 22:18-19).
6. According to 2 Timothy 4:2-4, what is it that often leads people away from the truth?
7. Using 1 Samuel 2:35 as a reference, is it possible that sometimes we may be doing what's in **our** heart and mind instead of what's in **His**?
8. From John 6:38, finish this statement from Jesus: "I have come down from heaven..."