

Review

- What are two sides of authority?
 - The right or power to rule or command
 - Acting by the instruction and/or approval of the rightful ruler
- When we are concerned with God's authority, we are concerned with what?
 - God's rule, His instruction, His Law
 - What I must do and what I can do
- Does God's silence give consent?
 - No
- Following the inductive method, what two things are required?
 - Gather all the facts
 - Harmonize them

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- Name four things included in gathering all the facts.
 - Statements
 - Commands
 - Approved Examples
 - Necessary Conclusions
- When God's word is specific, do we have the right to make it generic?
 - No.
- When God's word is generic, does it authorize the specifics of that generic?
 - Yes.
- What does expedient mean?
 - Helpful or profitable in expediting or carrying out a command
- An expedient must first be what?
 - Lawful

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- What are some principles of logic to determine the applicability of New Testament accounts of activity (“examples”):
 - Uniformity
 - Harmony
 - Universality
 - Materiality
 - Competence
 - Recognizing limited applications

Roadmap

- ✓ What is authority, and how is the word used in the Scriptures?
- ✓ We need authority in our lives
- ✓ God is the ultimate authority
- ✓ What our source and standard of authority is not
- ✓ How is God's authority expressed to man
- ✓ Respecting God's silence
- ✓ Using the inductive method to determine the will of God
- ✓ Determining God's will through commands, statements, examples, and necessary conclusions
- ✓ Generic and Specific authority
- ✓ Expediency
- ✓ When is an Example Binding?
- **The Scriptures give us a pattern**
- The church and the individual
- Improper attitudes and assaults upon authority



Lesson 12: The New Testament Pattern

❑ **Objective of this lesson:**

- ❑ Understand the concept of a pattern and recognize the word of God constitutes an authoritative pattern for man to follow.

- ❑ Some say there is no pattern for the church to follow in its organization, worship, and work

- ❑ Let us see that God has always given men patterns and expected them to follow the patterns

Pattern

- “Pattern” is a Bible word
- Noun
 - “a model, guide plan, etc. to be strictly followed” (Webster’s New World Dictionary, 1982)
 - “a plan, diagram, or model to be followed in making things” (American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 3rd edition)
- Verb
 - “to make, mold or design by following a pattern” (AHD, 3rd edition)
- Thayer: “b.) an example, pattern”.
 - Regarding “pattern” as used in 2 Timothy 1:13, he writes, “the pattern placed before one to be held fast and copied, model.”

Pattern

- In the physical realm, there is a need for patterns.
 - In order to sew a dress as designed, a seamstress needs a pattern to follow.
 - In order to build the house as designed, a contractor must specifically follow the pattern or blueprint for that house.
- When the same pattern is followed repeatedly without any amendments, the same results are achieved.
 - A seamstress can produce identical dresses using the same pattern.
 - A contractor can build identical houses using the same blueprint.
- In both cases, it is critical that the producer or operator use the original pattern in order to produce identical results.
 - Without the original pattern, can identical results be achieved?

God gave man patterns in times past

- Moses' law was a pattern for the Jewish nation.
- Consider the following.
 - Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 5:1, 31, 33; 29:29

The Tabernacle

- Exodus 25:9, 40; 26:30, 27:8, 39:32,42-43
- Note these key words in Exodus 25:9; we will see them again in the New Testament.
 - “According to”
 - “the pattern”
- “according to” = “1. as stated or indicated by; on the authority of: according to historians. 2. In keeping with; in agreement with: according to instructions. 3. As determined by: a list arranged according to the alphabet” (American Heritage Dictionary, 3rd edition)

The Tabernacle

- Could Moses...
 - Add things?
 - Remove some things?
 - Change some things?
- Remember back to the lessons on silence, generic and specific authority, and expedients:
 - Was the length of the ark specified?
 - Exodus 25:10
 - Was the length of the poles specified?
 - Therefore...
 - Were tools authorized?

Carrying the Ark of the Covenant

- Exodus 25:14
- Number 4:15; 7:9
- 2 Samuel 6:7

- Why was Uzzah struck dead?

- Note the wording in 1 Chronicles 15:13, 15

Building the Temple

- 1 Chronicles 28:19

Pattern in the New Testament

- The doctrine of Christ – the apostle’s doctrine – the gospel – is a pattern to be heard, believed, and obeyed
- Romans 6:17
- 2 Timothy 1:13
- 1 Timothy 1:3; 6:3
- And what was to be done with “the pattern of sound words,” 2 Timothy 1:13?
 - See 1:14; 2:2, 14-15; 3:10, 14; 4:1-2

Pattern in the New Testament

- “According to” in the New Testament
- Just some of the places it is used:
 - Romans 2:2,16; 16:25-26; Colossians 2:8; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 1 Timothy 6:3; Hebrews 8:5; 1 John 5:14-15
- 1 Corinthians 7:17 – note: “all the churches”
- 1 Corinthians 14:37 – emphasizing these commands are to be followed
- 2 John 9

Pattern in the New Testament

- If making all things according to the pattern required that Moses not add things, remove things, or change things about the pattern shown him, then can we...
 - Add another food to the Lord's Supper?
 - Add instruments to worship?
 - Add social events to the work of the church?
 - Remove the partaking of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week?
 - Change one of the elements of the Lord's Supper, such as using leavened bread instead of unleavened bread?
 - Change the day of the Lord's Supper to Saturday?
- These things are not according to "the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus"