



In our study of authority, we have learned that it matters what we do. To do things without God’s permission, is to make assumptions that lead to our downfall.

A. In 1 Samuel 13 Saul offered a sacrifice even though he was not a priest. Samuel said “you have _____ kept the commandment of the Lord your God” (13).

B. God gives us a PATTERN to follow

Joshua 22:29 “Behold the _____ of the altar of the Lord

- ▶ Noah had a pattern to follow (Gen 6:14-15)
- ▶ In the New Testament, we are to _____ the pattern (Phil. 4:9)
- ▶ In a blueprint, an architect draws where the doors and windows are to be. If the construction crew doesn’t follow the blueprint, the finished project will not look the way it was supposed to.



C. What determines a pattern?

1. The _____ total of what God says about something
2. If the pattern is _____ one way, without any exceptions, it is _____ **AUTHORITY.**
3. If the pattern shows _____ ways, that is considered _____ **AUTHORITY.**

D. Three Ways God expresses His Authority

1. God says it: _____ (Acts 10:48; 1 Cor 11:24)
2. God shows it: _____ (Acts 20:7)
3. God led conclusions: _____ (Mt 22:31-32)

For Class & Family Discussion:

- King Saul waited for Samuel, but Samuel was not there. What was Saul to do?
- Who draws the pattern spiritually?
- On the blueprint, circle where doors are to be. How do you know that? What would be wrong with putting doors in other places?
- What is an example of SPECIFIC AUTHORITY?
- What is an example of GENERIC AUTHORITY?
- What is the difference between those?
- If we cannot find a “Thou shalt not,” is it reasonable to assume that it is ok to do it?
- Give an example of an EXAMPLE we are to follow.
- Give an example of Necessary inference, or conclusion.