

Spirit-Filled Masters? Eph 6:9, Col 4:1

Ephesians 6:9

9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Colossians 4:1

1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

The Weight of Authority

1. The person under authority feels _____ from the person exercising that authority over him.
2. The person _____ feels pressure from the person over him.
3. No one is free from _____ but God.
4. Therefore, how we exercise our authority is a matter of _____ to God.

Problem: God Lets Us Suffer in Unfair Circumstances

1. Everyone is a _____ in _____.
2. God uses our _____ to work on us.
3. It may be that you have not learned what you need to learn from your circumstance yet!
4. But when we are not viewing our situation through the _____ of God's _____, we just hurt and see no end or relief.
5. In this frame of mind, we can easily react to unfair pressure and make several wrong decisions:
 - a. Blame God for not _____.
 - b. Conclude that God is _____.
 - c. Attempt to find a solution that will inevitably violate His _____.

The Ultimate Solution to Authority Problems: God is the Authority

1. If you are under authority, remember that you are under _____
_____ first.
2. Therefore your work is _____ _____, and you need to do it in a way that pleases Him.
3. If you are the boss, remember that you are under God's authority for how
_____ _____ over your subordinates.
4. The consequences for misusing these opportunities are eternal.