

Authority – Part 5

Taking Note of the Relationship

Important Reminders:

#1 – We are looking for **COMMANDS** (imperatives – Acts 2:38; statements – John 3:16) and **EXAMPLES** (Acts 20:7).

#2 – We are looking for the **SPECIFICS** (what the command limits) and the **GENERALITIES** (what helps we can use to fulfill the command).

Noah Building the Ark:

Genesis 6:13-22

The **COMMAND**: "Make yourself an ark."

The **SPECIFICS**:

gopher wood

300 c. long X 50 c. wide X 30 c. high

one window at top, one door on side

three decks

The **GENERALITIES**:

hammers, sawhorses, scaffolds, ropes and pulleys,

whatever he needed to build the ark

Determining Who a Command Applies to:

3rd Lesson Reminder: When we come across commands and examples, we must ask who is being spoken to or about, and we must use our reasoning skills to determine who a particular command applies to.

Individual Christians, to God and neighbor?

Family relationship to family members?

Citizen relationship to government?

Collective responsibilities in local church?

Individual Christians:

Ephesians 4:25-32 – Moral conduct.

James 1:26-27 – Benevolent & moral conduct.

Family Relationship:

Eph. 5:22, 25; 6:1-4 – Wives, husbands,
children, parents.

1 Tim. 5:3-9 – Caring for widows.

Citizen & Government:

Rom. 13:1-7 – Government: reward good,
execute wrath against evil.

– Citizen: submit to laws, pay taxes.

Local Church Collective:

(under elders' & deacons' oversight, use contribution)

Congregational EDIFICATION:

Eph. 4:11-16 – teaching and worship.

Congregational EVANGELISM:

1Tim. 3:14-15 – support the truth.

2 Cor. 11:8-9 – support preachers of the truth.

Congregational AID TO NEEDY SAINTS:

1 Tim. 5:9 – widows who have evidenced great faith.

2 Cor. 8:1-4 – liberality in ministering to saints.

1 Cor. 16:1-3 – Sunday contribution for needy saints.

*Our Commitment
Must Be To:*

Exacting obedience to God's
plan and commands for every
relationship – individual, family,
government, church.