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- The ultimate source of authority is God. He it is who provides this "power base" to undergrind ministry.
- This authority is delegated by God. We are only channels for it, not owners of it.
- We are responsible to God for how we exercise the authority He gives us.
- True Christian leaders will recognize God's authority whenever it is manifested in life situations, wether through themselves or through others.
- Persons in authority are subject directly to God, not indirectly through other authority figures.
- Refusal to obey others in authority over us is actually rebellion against God, not just against the human instruments of that authority (Rom 13:2).
- If we are rightly subject to God's authority, we will seek and recognize other spiritual authority and be willing to subject to it.
- We are never to exercise spiritual authority merely for our own benefit.
- If we are truly working in spiritual authority, we do not need to insist that others obey us. That is their responsibility before God.
- God Himself can be depended on to defend our spiritual authority. We do not need to assert it in such a way that we are defending ourselves.

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Kilde: Kraft, C. H.: *"I give you authority. Practicing the authority Jesus gave us."*



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