



Sermon Outline

- I. Two types of authority:
 - a. Absolute: _____ (Proverbs 6:23).
 - b. Delegated:
 - i. _____ (Proverbs 6:20).
 - ii. _____ (Proverbs 5:11-14).
 - iii. _____ (Proverbs 2:20-22).
- II. Why should I submit to authority?
 - a. _____ (Proverbs 3:1-2).
 - b. _____ (Proverbs 13:13).
 - c. _____ (Proverbs 10:8; 19:16).

Quote for the Week:

“Revolutionary subordination commands us to live in submission to human authority until it becomes destructive. Both Peter and Paul called for obedience to the pagan State because they understood the great good that resulted from this human institution. I have found that human ‘authorities’ often have a great deal of wisdom that we neglect only at our own peril.” – Richard Foster in *Celebration of Discipline*

Sermon Guide – July 19th

Series: Front Porch

Wisdom

Sermon Title: Authority

Text: Select Proverbs

Verses for the Week:

Proverbs 2:20-22 - So follow the way of the good, and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will inhabit the land, and those of integrity will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous ripped out of it.

Proverbs 3:1-2 - My son, don't forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commands; for they will bring you many days, a full life, and well-being.

Proverbs 5:11-14 - At the end of your life, you will lament when your physical body has been consumed, and you will say, "How I hated discipline, and how my heart despised correction. I didn't obey my teachers or listen closely ¹ to my instructors. I am on the verge of complete ruin before the entire community."

Ecclesiastes 12:13 - When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is this: fear God and keep his commands, because this is for all humanity.