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Ephesians 4:10-12

He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.



Romans 13:1

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.



Delegated Authority



Submission is applicable to imperfect people—like you and me—who belong to imperfect families, work imperfect jobs, participate in imperfect organizations belong to imperfect churches and live in an imperfect world. It addresses people who are not married to the ideal spouse, who are not members of ideal churches and who do not have ideal jobs, colleagues and bosses.



Subjection takes the world as it is, not as we want or expect it to be. It requires us to surrender ourselves to God, discerning how we can do his will in circumstances that are less than ideal.

Gerald Sittser



**Submitting when the
leadership isn't ideal.**



1 Peter 2:13

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men...



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**How do I know the authority I wield
(or submit to) is legitimate?**



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Hebrews 13:7-9

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.



The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.



**Statement of Faith
of the C&MA in
Canada**



The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

Westminster Confession I.X.



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1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.



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- 4) Am I accountable?**



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Pray for us.

