

OBEDIENCE & SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

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“Have Thine own way Lord
Have Thine own way
Thou art the potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still.”

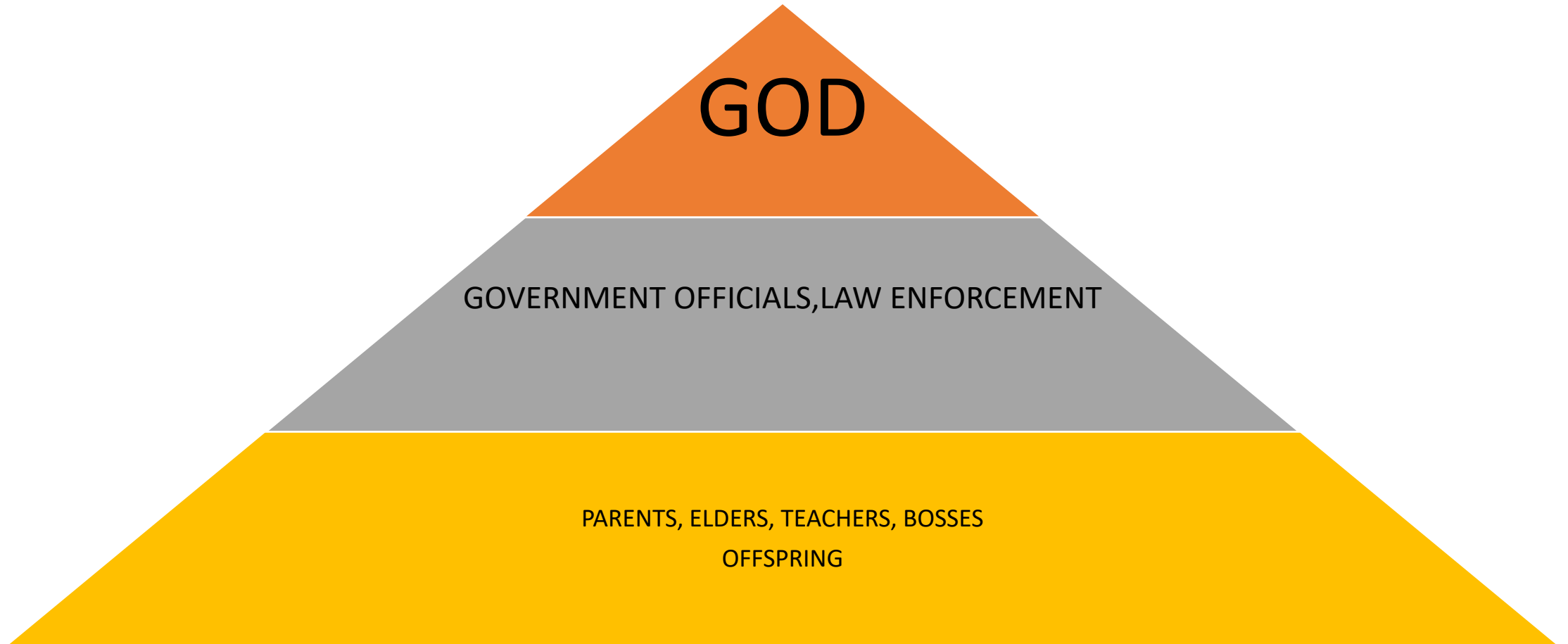
DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

- AUTHORITY: “The power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience.”
- OBEDIENT: “Submissive to the restraint or command of authority : willing to obey.”
- DISOBEDIENT: “Refusal or neglect to obey.”

HOW DOES ONE GAIN AUTHORITY?

- **How does one gain the right of power over something?:**
- If "One" creates something, they are the sole owner, unless the owning party relinquishes ownership to another party.
- I.E.: An artist creates a work of art, that work of art belongs to that artist just as we sing “Have Thine Own Way”.

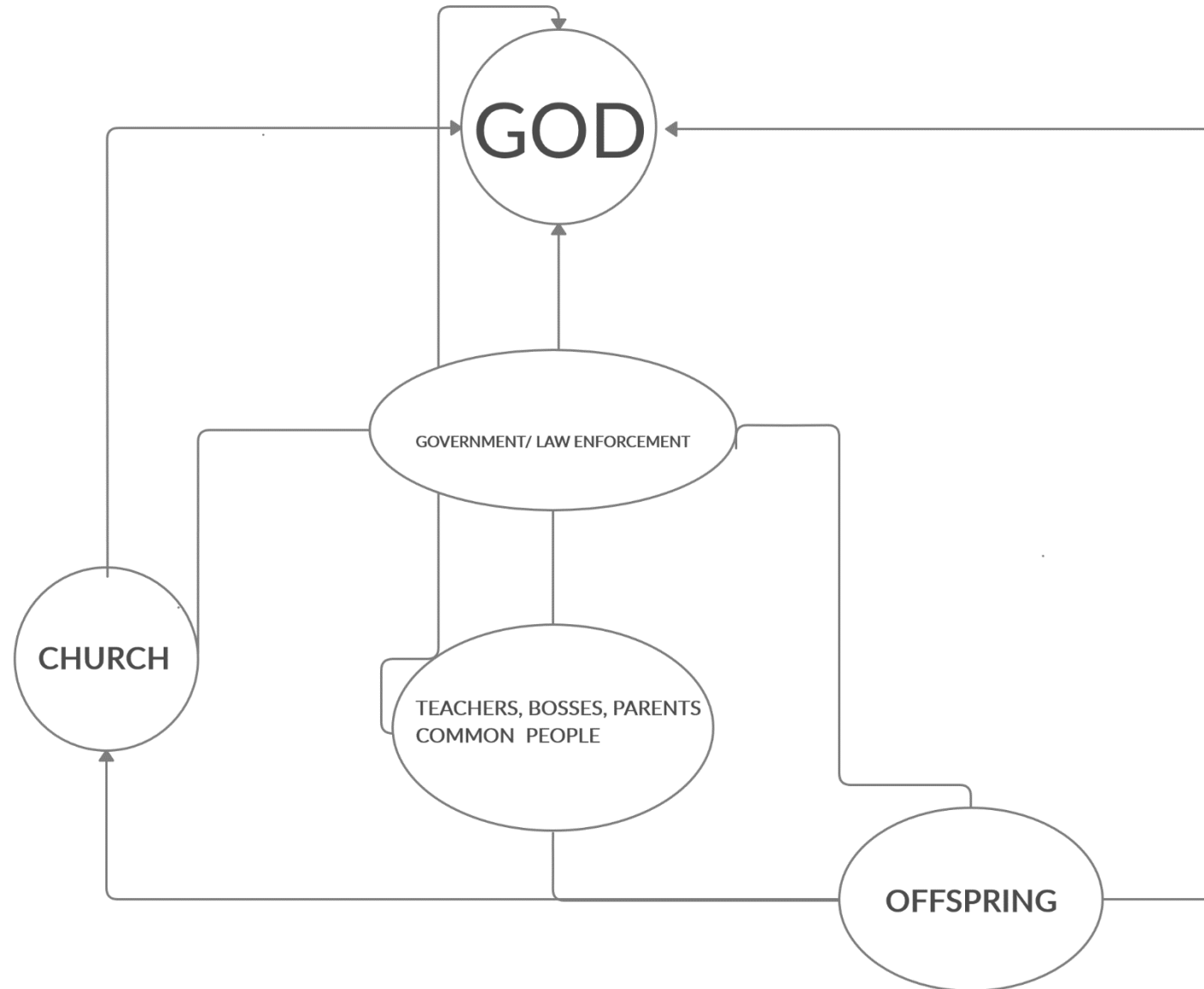
Authority Pyramid



WHY ARE AUTHORITY FIGURES IMPORTANT?

- Authority figures are meant to maintain balance.
- The First idea of authority we see in the Bible would be when Adam was put over things in the garden, **BUT** it was given by the **ONE** with the Ultimate Authority.
- **Genesis 1:26-28:** ²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

CHAIN OF COMMAND



SUBMISSION TO PARENTS

- Ephesians 6:1: Children, **obey your parents** in the Lord, for this is right. Honor **your** father and mother so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.
- Colossians 3:20: Children, **obey your parents** in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
- **Proverbs 12:15:** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

SUBMISSION TO BOSSES

- **1 Peter 2:18-19:** ¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are [\[a\]](#)unreasonable. ¹⁹ For this *finds* [\[b\]](#)favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.
- **Luke 12:43** Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. But if that servant says in his heart, “My master is delaying his coming,” and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT

- John 19:11: ¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no authority [\[a\]](#)over Me, unless it had been given you from above
- Mark 12:17: Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled at him.
- Romans 13:1-4: Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.
- 1 Peter 2:13-17: Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

GOVERNING BODY

- **Daniel 3:16-28** : ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.
- ¹⁷ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.
- ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
- ¹⁹ Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.
- ²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, “Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?” They replied to the king, “Certainly, O king.” ²⁵ He said, “Look! I see four men loosed *and* walking *about* in the midst of the fire [\[v\]](#)without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods!”
- ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, [\[aa\]](#)violating the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” ³⁰ Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

DISRESPECT TO OVERSEERS

- Proverbs 15:1—"A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare."
- Rapinoe set this off by saying, "I'm not going to the **** White House."
- Common phrase in U.S.
"Not my President."
- Antagonizing law enforcement has become more and more common practice.
- Students lack of respect for teachers has been on the rise and gone viral.



GOD OWNS & HAS AUTHORITY OVER ALL THINGS

- Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth."
- Genesis 1:16: "And **God made** two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also."
- Genesis 1:27: "So **God created** man in his own image, in the image of **God created** he him; male and female created he them."
"For every living soul belongs to me."
- Ezekiel 18:4: "You are not your own."
- 1 Corinthians 6:19: "A man's life is not his own."
- **Proverbs 12:15:** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

SUBMISSION TO GOD

- **Ephesians 6:4-6:** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- Proverbs 13:24: 24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline.
- 20 “When a man strikes his slave, male or female, with a rod and the slave dies under his hand, he shall be avenged. 21 But if the slave survives a day or two, he is not to be avenged, for the slave is his money.

Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”

FIRST INSTANCE OF DISOBEDIENCE:

- Genesis 3:6: When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
- Isaiah 59:2: But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Consequences: All must die once & if one does not seek first spiritual life then they will face a spiritual death.

DISOBEDIENCE vs. OBEDIENCE

Disobedience

- Adam & Eve
- 16 And the LORD God commanded him, “You may eat freely from every tree of the garden, 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die.”
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Obedience

- **Genesis 6:13-22:** Noah: 13 So God announced to Noah, “I’ve decided to destroy every living thing on earth, because it has become filled with violence due to them. Look! I’m about to annihilate them, along with the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark out of cedar, constructing compartments in it, and cover it inside and out with tar. 15 Make the ark like this: 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish the walls to within one cubit from the top. Place the entrance in the side of the ark, and build a lower, a middle, and an upper deck.
- 17 “For my part, I’m about to flood the earth with water and destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. 18 However, I will establish my own covenant with you, and you are to enter the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives. 19 You are to bring two of every living thing into the ark so they may remain alive with you. They are to be male and female. 20 From birds according to their species, from domestic animals according to their species, and from everything that crawls on the ground according to their species —two of everything will come to you so they may remain alive. 21 For your part, take some of the edible food and store it away—these stores will be food for you and the animals.”
- 22 Noah did all of this, precisely as God had commanded.
Genesis 6:8-22

DISOBEDIENCE vs. OBEDIENCE

Lot's wife

Genesis 19:23-26: ²³ By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. ²⁶ But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Lot

Genesis 19:16-17: ¹⁶ When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. ¹⁷ As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!”

DISOBEDIENCE vs. OBEDIENCE

Worldly Churches

- Deacons can be anyone
- Church leadership can be unqualified. However, because of they feel ordained they must serve however they see fit.

The Church of Christ

Qualifications for Overseers

- **1 Timothy 3: 3** The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. **2** Therefore an overseer[a] must be above reproach, the husband of one wife,[b] sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3** not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. **4** He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, **5** for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? **6** He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. **7** Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.
- Qualifications for Deacons
- **8** Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued,[c] not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. **9** They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. **10** And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. **11** Their wives likewise[d] must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. **12** Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. **13** For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

DISOBEDIENCE vs. OBEDIENCE

Exodus 12

PHAROAH

- ²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

MOSES FOLLOWS GOD

- ¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

DISOBEDIENCE vs. OBEDIENCE

MOSES DISOBEYS

- Num. 20:8 “Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink.”
- Num. 20:9 So Moses took the rod from before the Lord, just as He had commanded him; Num. 20:10 and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, “Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?” Num. 20:11 Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.

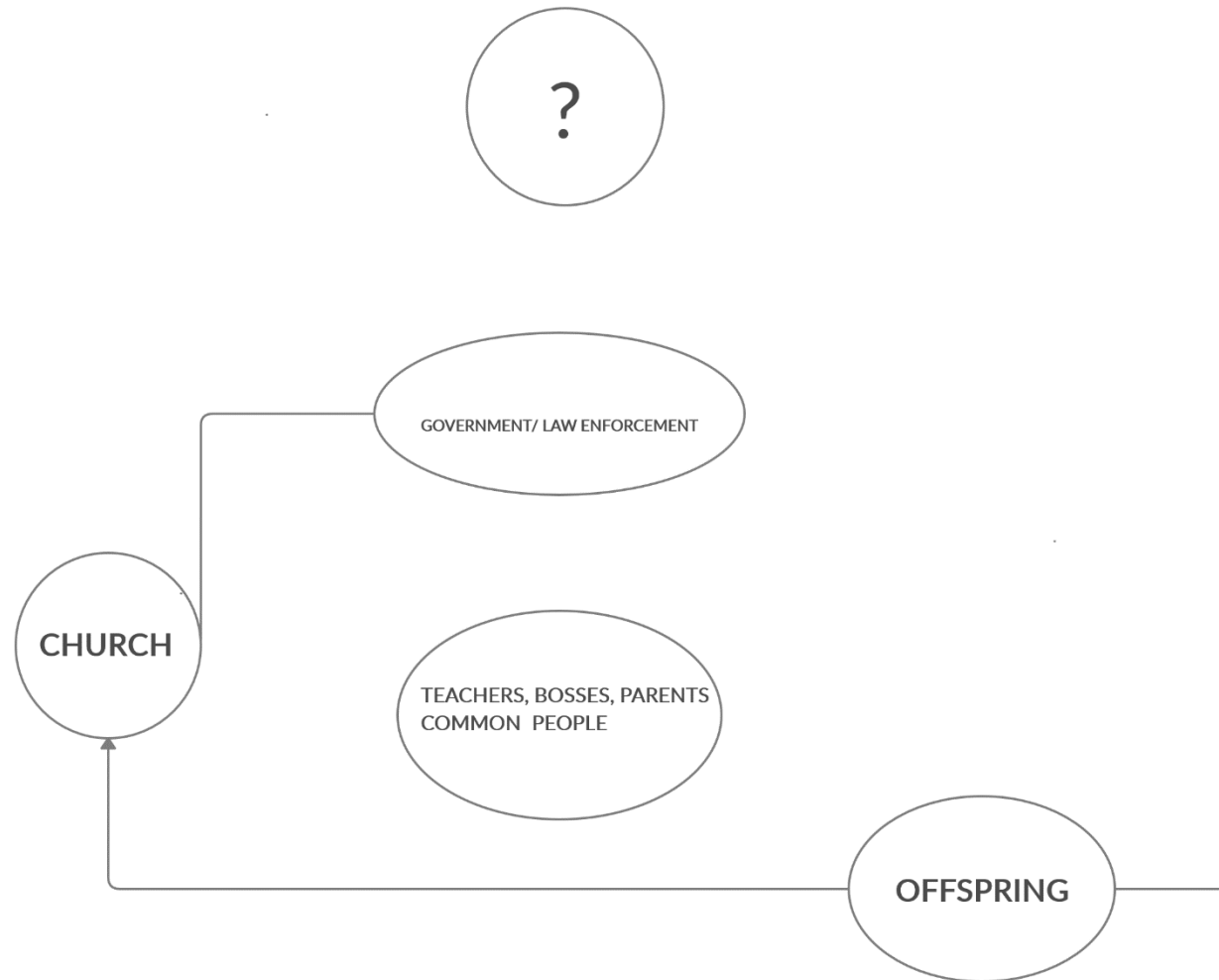
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- Ex. 17:6 “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

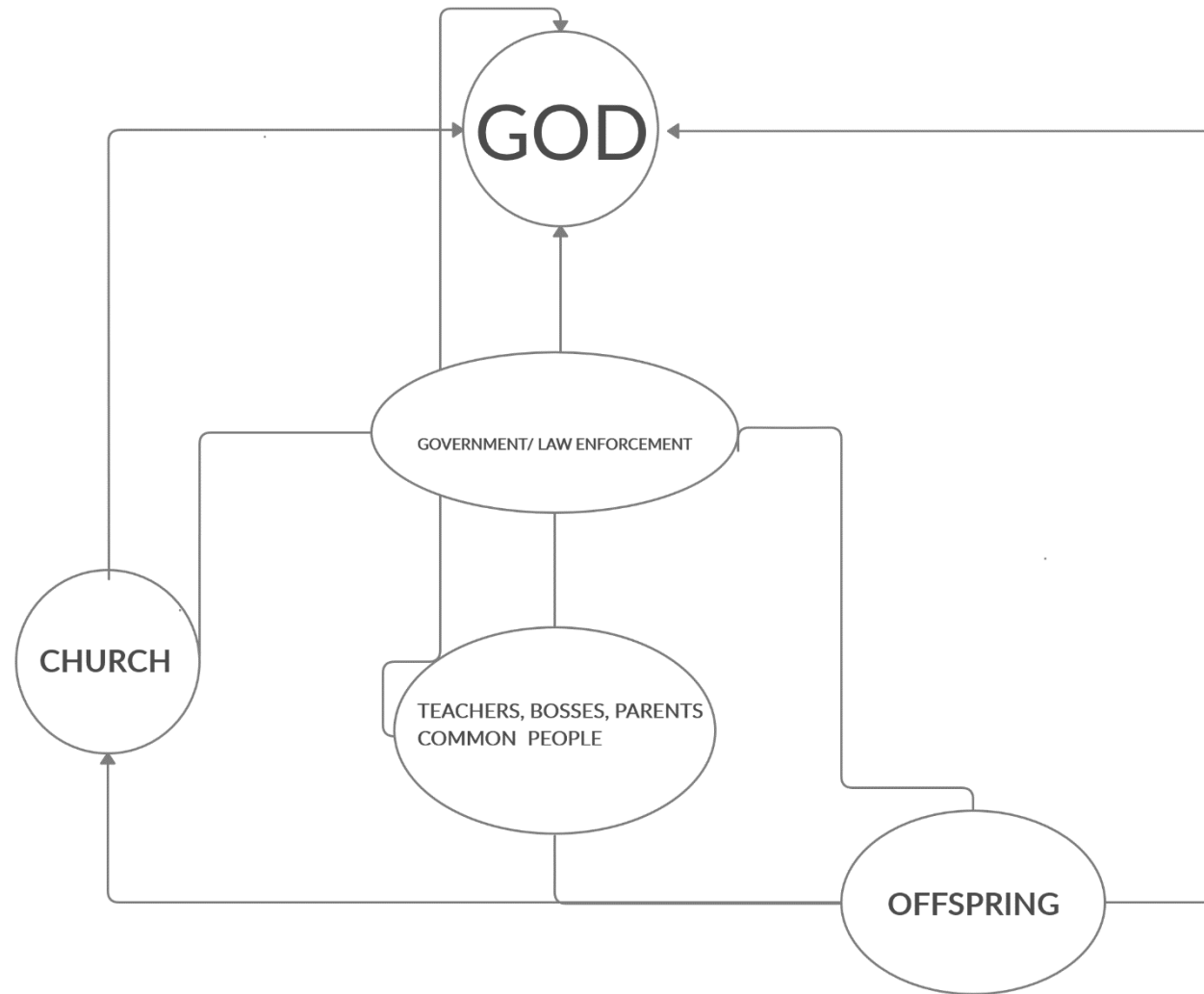
What Things Does God Command Us To Do?

- Baptism (Acts 2:38)
- Help Others (Galatians 6:2)
- Teach The Gospel (Matthew 28:19)
- Love Your Enemies (Matthew 5:44-46)
- Seek Ye First The Kingdom (Matthew 6:33)
- Come together on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7) (1 Corinthians 1-2)

TODAY'S TREND



CHAIN OF COMMAND



RECAP

- WE ARE TO SUBMIT ULTIMATELY TO GOD'S TEACHINGS WHICH ULTIMATELY TEACHES US TO SUBMIT TO THOSE ENTITIES WHICH ARE PUT IN PLACE TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND BALANCE.

- CHRISTIAN MINDSET:

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END RESULTS

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OBEDIENCE

