

How to Respond to Authority and Injustice
Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

Main Point:

Seek Christ and His wisdom so that you respond rightly to authority and injustice.

1. Though imperfect, wisdom is something you should acquire.
2. Because wisdom helps you respond rightly to authority.
3. Because wisdom helps you respond rightly to injustice.
4. Therefore, seek Christ and His wisdom so that you respond rightly.

Benjamin Shaw “While wisdom will not solve all riddles, it will solve many, and it is to be valued for that.”

Philip Ryken “This is more than a metaphor. True wisdom brings a joy to life that changes everything, including people’s appearance.”

Romans 13:1-2 1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. (NKJV)

Douglas Sean O’Donnell “Insubordination to those in authority over you - teachers, parents, bosses, presidents, and others - shows an attitude of ingratitude and a mistrust in God.”

John 5:28-29 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (NKJV)

Douglas Sean O’Donnell “Empirical observation gets us only so far. We must trust in God and his Word. We must believe that ultimately it will go well with those who fear God ... and badly for those who don’t ... We must trust God’s timing and be certain of his coming judgment.”

Gordon Keddie “Don’t let the perplexities of life poison your God-honoring enjoyment of all he has given you in life!”

James 1:5 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (NKJV)