

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY 1. of 4
OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

HYPOTASSO TO PUT (SET) IN ARRAY (ORDER)
UNDER.

<p>ROM. 8:7 LAW ↓ NOT ↓ CARNAL MIND</p>	<p>ROM. 8.20 VANITY ↓ BODY</p>	<p>I PET. 5:5 ELDER ↑ YOUNGER</p>
<p>ROM. 10:3-4 - OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS ↓ - GODS RIGHTEOUSNESS</p>		<p>ROM. 13:1 POWER OF GOD ↑ SOUL, 12:2 TRANSFORMED MIND</p>
<p>COR. 15:27-28 FATHER ↓ SON ↓ ALL THINGS</p>	<p>I COR. 16:15 MINISTRY ↑ STEPHANAS ↑ BRETHREN</p>	<p>HEB. 2:7 PSA. 8.5 ELOHIM (GOD) (WRONGLY ANGELS) ↓ MAN ↓ WORK OF GODS HANDS</p>
<p>I PET. 3:22 JESUS CHRIST-GOD ↓ ANGELS, AUTHORITIES POWERS</p>		<p>HEB. 2.5 ANGELS ↓ NOT ↓ WORLD TO COME</p>

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY 2 of 4

I COR. 14:32
PROPHETS

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SPIRIT OF
PROPHETS

I COR. 14:34
HUSBAND

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WIFE

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TITUS 3:1
PRINCIPALITIES
POWERS, MAGISTRATES

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REDEEMED 2:14

I PETER 2:13
ORDINANCE OF
MAN KING GOVERNORS

↑
YOURSELVES

I PETER 2:18
MASTERS, (FROWARD
CROOKED, PERVERSE
WORM)

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SERVANT (OIKETES-
DOMESTIC EMPLOYEE)

I PETER 3:1, 5
HUSBANDS

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WIVES

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EPH. 5:24

CHRIST HEAD

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CHURCH BODY

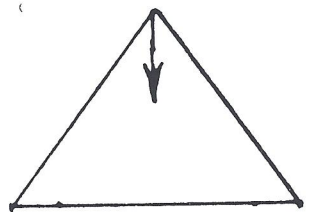
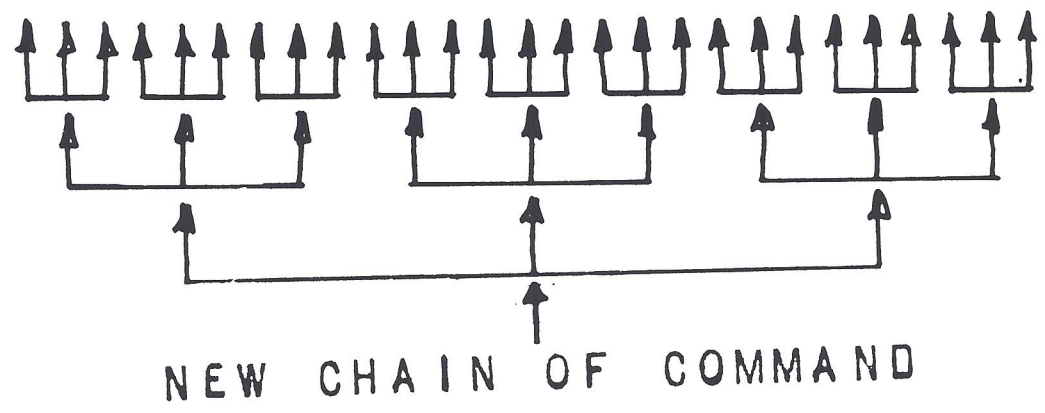
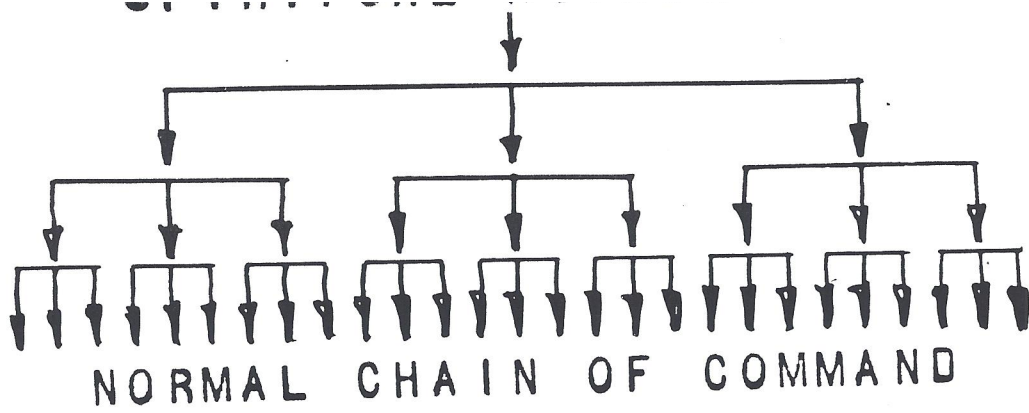
EPH. 5:22, COL. 3:18

HUSBAND TITUS 2:5

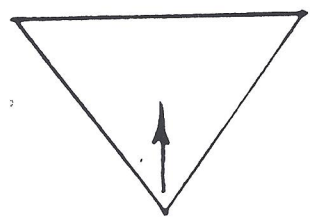
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WIFE

← THEREFORE →

Abigail & Nabal, I Samuel 25:1-42
Sapphira & Ananias, Acts 5:1-11
Burden o/t LORD, Jeremiah 23:33-39

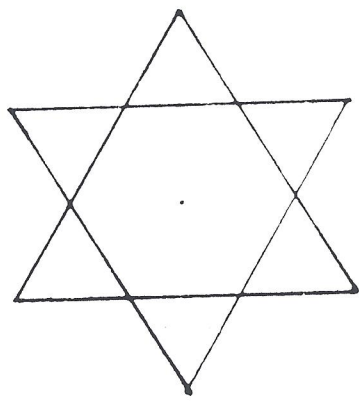


AUTHORITY FORCED
FROM TOP TO BOTTOM



AUTHORITY GRANTED
FROM BOTTOM TO TOP

EZEKIEL 40:3-6
41:7
I PETER 2:5



PROPER COMBINATION

Dear Christian, I love you and I want you to know that BOB MUMFORD will be restored to his family and to his ministry.

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The End of the Discipleship Era

Love David

“Discipleship resulted in unhealthy submission resulting in perverse and unbiblical obedience to human leaders... For the injury and shame, I repent with sorrow and ask for your forgiveness.”
—Bob Mumford

For many years Bob Mumford was looked upon as one of the most respected teachers and leaders in the charismatic movement.

In 1974, at a teaching conference at Montreat, North Carolina, sponsored by Christian Believers United (CBU), Billy Graham called Mumford “my favorite Bible teacher.”

Few teachers were able to command the respect that Mumford had among all Christians,

Then something happened that changed all that. Believing the charismatic movement lacked substance and needed accountability, Mumford and four other well-known Bible teachers—Derek Prince, Charles Simpson, Ern Baxter and Don Basham—formed an organization designed to call the movement into accountability. Although officially known as Christian Growth Ministries, critics immediately dubbed the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida-based group the “discipleship” or “shepherding” movement.

Thousands of men and women—mostly young Christians—joined the movement. They were eager to be “discipled,” to be held “accountable” by these mature teachers. But the movement quickly became elitist, exclusive. Operating on the basis that everyone needs to be accountable to a pastor, “sheep” were assigned to various “shepherds”—many of whom were young, imma-

ture, sometimes arrogant and often proud of their new authority.

The leaders published a popular teaching magazine called *New Wine*. Their tapes were sold and circulated by the millions. Great conferences were held in key American cities, attended by thousands eager to be “discipled.”

Havoc followed and horror stories abounded. Families were sometimes forced to relocate from one city to another at the whim of a shepherd. Churches split. The entire charismatic movement was thrown into turmoil.

Mumford and Simpson in particular took the heat from the critics, who charged they dominated those under them. They were accused of setting up a spiritual chain-letter in which everyone was under someone, who was under someone, who was finally under “the Ft. Lauderdale Five”—forming a sort of charismatic episcopacy.

Critics cited numerous examples of “shepherds” who required their “sheep” to ask their permission before they dated, changed jobs or made major decisions.

Mumford and his friends responded that they were teaching a renewed biblical understanding of God’s government, delegated authority and covenant loyalty.

National leaders took sides. Pat Robertson called Mumford, Simpson and Prince false teachers. On a live “700 Club” broadcast, he likened the discipleship movement to the cult led by Jim Jones, saying the only difference was the shepherds had not yet served Kool-Aid (a reference to the mass suicide of more than 900 people caused when Jones told his followers to drink poisoned Kool-Aid). *Cont. on page 48*

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