

## Balancing Authority and Servanthood

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The Bible teaches us that authority and servanthood are two sides of the same coin. We are called to be both leaders and servants, and to balance the two in our lives.

### I. What Does the Bible Say About Authority and Servanthood?

The Bible is clear that authority and servanthood are both important. In Matthew 20:25-28, Jesus says, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave.”

Jesus is teaching us that authority and servanthood are not mutually exclusive. We are called to be both leaders and servants. We are to use our authority to serve others, not to lord it over them.

In Romans 13:1-2, Paul writes, “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.”

Paul is teaching us that we are to be subject to the authorities that God has appointed. We are to respect and obey those in authority over us.

### II. How Can We Balance Authority and Servanthood?

Balancing authority and servanthood can be difficult, but it is possible. Here are

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some tips for balancing the two:

1. Respect those in authority over you.

We are to respect and obey those in authority over us. This means that we should not only obey their commands, but also show them respect and honor.

2. Serve those in authority over you.

We are to serve those in authority over us. This means that we should look for ways to help them and make their lives easier.

3. Lead with humility.

When we are in positions of authority, we are to lead with humility. We should not use our authority to lord it over others, but to serve them.

4. Follow with humility.

When we are in positions of servanthood, we are to follow with humility. We should not be resentful or rebellious, but obedient and respectful.

5. Pray for wisdom.

We should pray for wisdom in how to balance authority and servanthood. We should ask God to give us the wisdom to know when to lead and when to follow.

### III. Conclusion

Balancing authority and servanthood can be difficult, but it is possible. We are called to be both leaders and servants, and to use our authority to serve others. We should respect those in authority over us, serve them, lead with humility, follow with humility, and pray for wisdom.

The Bible teaches us that authority and servanthood are both important. We are called to be both leaders and servants, and to balance the two in our lives. By following these tips, we can learn to balance authority and servanthood in our lives.

**Salvation Prayers** : Dear Lord Jesus, I come to you today acknowledging my need for salvation. I confess that I have sinned and fallen short of your glory. But I believe that you died for my sins and rose again. I ask that you come into my

heart and be my Lord. I commit to following you and living for you every day. Thank you for your love and for the gift of eternal life. In your name I pray, Amen. [Amen](#) If you prayed the above prayers kindly click here to get more information [https://www.xgospel.net/harvest\\_form/form/?page=0&salvation=true](https://www.xgospel.net/harvest_form/form/?page=0&salvation=true)

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We can also rededicate ourselves to God and ask Him to help us balance authority and servanthood.

**Rededication Prayers** : Dear Lord Jesus, I come to you today with a heart of repentance. I confess that I have strayed from your path and have not been living according to your will. But I am here to rededicate myself to you and to make a commitment to follow you with all my heart. I ask for your forgiveness and for the strength and guidance to walk in your ways. I thank you for your love, grace, and mercy. I give you my all, my heart, my mind, my soul, and my strength, I trust in you and I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen. [Amen](#)

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### Quiz

1. What does the Bible say about authority and servanthood?

- A. We are to use our authority to lord it over others.
- B. We are to respect and obey those in authority over us.
- C. We are to use our authority to serve others.

D. We are to be both leaders and servants.

2. How can we balance authority and servanthood?

A. Respect those in authority over us.

B. Serve those in authority over us.

C. Lead with humility.

D. All of the above.

3. What should we do when we are in positions of authority?

A. Use our authority to lord it over others.

B. Use our authority to serve others.

C. Respect those in authority over us.

D. Follow with humility.

4. What should we do when we are in positions of servanthood?

A. Lead with humility.

B. Follow with humility.

C. Respect those in authority over us.

D. Serve those in authority over us.

5. What should we do to help us balance authority and servanthood?

A. Pray for wisdom.

B. Respect those in authority over us.

C. Serve those in authority over us.

D. All of the above.

Answers: B, D, B, B, D

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