

Ten Commandments of Spiritual Authority

- 1. The ultimate source of authority is God. He is who provides this "power base" to undergird ministry.**
- 2. The authority is delegated by God. We are only channels for it, not owners of it.**
- 3. We are responsible to God for how we exercise the authority He gives us.**
- 4. True Christian leaders will recognize God's authority whenever it is manifested in life situations, whether through themselves or through others.**
- 5. Persons in authority are subject directly to God, not indirectly through other authority figures.**
- 6. Refusal to obey others in authority over us is actually rebellion against God, not just against the human instruments of that authority (Romans 13:2).**
- 7. If we rightly subject to God's authority, we will seek and recognize other spiritual authority and be willing to be subject to it.**
- 8. We are never to exercise spiritual authority merely for our own benefit.**
- 9. If we are truly working in spiritual authority, we do not need to insist that others obey us. That is their responsibility before God.**
- 10. God himself can be depended on to defend our spiritual authority. We do not need to assert it in such a way that we are defending ourselves.**

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