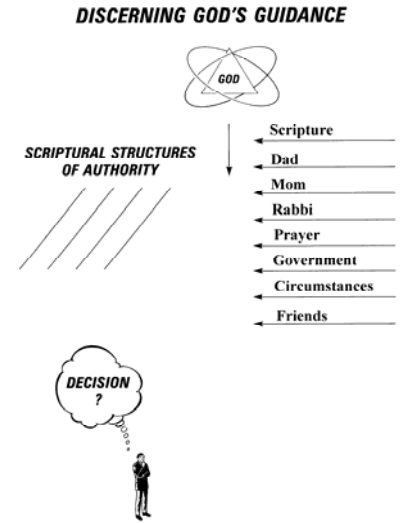


How Elohim Works Through Structures of Authority Part III: Four Required Attitudes & How to Conquer Fear & Worryⁱ

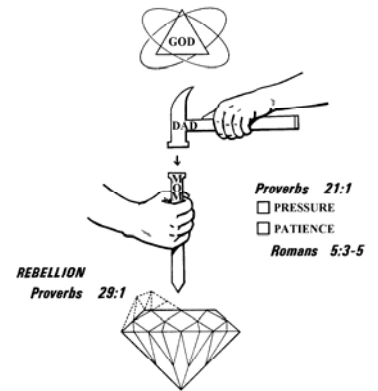
Review – Diagram 1: Discerning Elohim's Guidance

{See Part I} How can we get right counsel? We discover that people have problems because they go to their friends for answers. *Adonai* is often "blamed" for a lot of problems because we say "we prayed about it." Putting our prayers above His Word is a form of idolatry and is ultimately utterly prideful and selfish. If *Elohim's* Word in principle or in a specific way already states something about a situation, then do not expect "new" answers in prayer or otherwise. Our *Elohim* does not operate in a system of "situational ethics" as we often do in this modern world. His Word is absolute, eternal, and unchanging. *Yeshua* is *Adonai's* Word made flesh!



Review – Diagram 2: How Elohim Works Through a Structure of Authority

{See Part I. Draw the diagram out: *Adonai* on top and us individually as a diamond in the rough. He wants to chip away at the rough edges so we will be able to be a perfectly cut and polished gem—a diamond or a jewel for Him. When that happens then, we are able to reflect the character *Mashiach* (*Torah* embodied in man) no matter what circumstances we go through.} And that is *Adonai's* real goal, to reflect the *Messiah* as *Y'shua* is in us, the hope of glory. So how does he chip away the rough edges? He takes those very individuals He places over our lives. The first ones would be father and mother. He is going to use them as the instrument to chip away at the rough edges. Proverbs 21:1 “*The king's heart (which is the one in authority) is in ADONAI's hand is like streams of water - he directs it wherever he pleases.*” What causes a meandering stream to change? Two things: pressure and time, i.e., patience. So as a stream changes, in that same way *Adonai* can change the heart of those in authority over us. Our *Elohim* says, if you have patience, I'll put the pressure on and I'll change the heart of those in authority over you. But what do we say. ‘L-rd, how would it be if I put the pressure on and You have patience?’ *Adonai* is so concerned that we allow Him to chip away at the rough edges. He is even more concerned about the product than He is the process. So if we throw out one set of instruments He'll bring in another. Scripture says in Proverbs 29:1 “*A man who hardens his neck after much reproof Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.*” If you keep rejecting the working of *Adonai* in your life then there is going to be a damage. Now you can still get a diamond out of it, but it's not going to be as glorious as the first time. Mercy rejoices over Justice. And *Adonai* is saying the same thing to every single one of us here today. If there's been damage, if there has been discipline because of past rebellion, now matter how small that diamond may be, if you would bring that before *Adonai* saying “*Adonai from this day forward I am going to obey you.*” *Elohim* will chip away the rough edges even now and He'll perfect that diamond. And He will make that diamond more glorious than anything you've ever experienced before. And that is what our *Elohim* loves to do, for His own name sake.



Scripture states in 1 Peter 3 that if a wife would do this same thing with her husband, even if he is not a believer, if she has the right attitudes and can see him in the light that *Elohim* sees him, there will be a whole new response—she can win him even without a word.

The Biblical Principle of Authority

{See Part I & II} *Authority* is the power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior or the freedom granted by one in authority. *Power* is the ability to act or produce an effect or the capacity for being acted upon or undergoing an effect. Power is also legal or official authority, capacity, or right; the possession of control, authority, or influence over others. The Scriptural principle of authority is closely related to trust (faith) and is exemplified by the centurion in Luke 7:1-10:

¹When Yeshua had finished speaking to the people, he went back to K'far-Nachum. ²A Roman army officer there had a servant he regarded highly, who was sick to the point of death. ³Hearing about Yeshua, the officer sent some Jewish elders to him with the request that he come and heal his servant. ⁴They came to Yeshua and pleaded earnestly with him, "He really deserves to have you do this, ⁵for he loves our people - in fact, he built the synagogue for us!" ⁶So Yeshua went with them. He had not gone far from the house, when the officer sent friends who said to him, "Sir, don't trouble yourself. I'm not worthy to have you come under my roof - ⁷this is why I didn't presume to approach you myself. Instead, just give a command (but just say the word, and my servant shall be healed, KJV) and let my servant recover. ⁸For I too am a man set under authority. I have soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." ⁹Yeshua was astonished at him when he heard this; and he turned and said to the crowd following him, "I tell you, not even in Isra'el have I found such trust!" ¹⁰When the messengers got back to the officer's house, they found the servant in good health. (Luke 7:1-10)

Review Diagram 3 - BASIC ASPECTS OF HEADSHIP

{See Part II} *Elohim* uses the analogy of headship in Scripture in 1 Corinthians 11:3: "*But I want you to understand that the head of every man is the Messiah, and the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of the Messiah is God.*"

There is a structure of authority very clearly set forth. But whenever you talk about headship immediately there tends to be a reaction especially when it has been misused and abused. Women will say: "I don't like that idea because that my husband is supposed to do all the thinking, and can't I have any thoughts of my own? Don't I have a say in things?" Well, the exciting thing about Scripture is that when *Elohim* uses an analogy He wants us to study the analogy out. A head is a part of a body. Medical researchers have now discovered in reality what *Adonai* has been saying all along. The head is not the only part of the body that thinks—our heart also thinks. They have found the same chemical structure in the heart that is in the head for thinking. Scripture (Proverbs 23:7) has been saying all along that "*For as he thinks within himself, so he is...*" They are all excited in the medical community about this because they see all the implications of it. But *Adonai*, who designed the body, knew all about when He said that the husband is the head. Proverbs talks about its dark sayings (Prov 1:6: "*he will understand proverbs, obscure expressions*") and I personally believe that one of the darker, hidden sayings in Proverbs is that just as the husband is the head, the wife is compared in Proverbs to the heart.

BASIC ASPECTS OF HEADSHIP	
• The Analogy of Headship	1 Cor. 11:1-3 <i>"But I want you to understand that the head of every man is the Messiah, and the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of the Messiah is God."</i>
• Misconception: Head does all the thinking	
• Both Head and Heart Think	Prov. 23:7 Prov 4:23 "Above everything else, guard your heart; for it is the source of life's consequences." Prov 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life." Prov 16:21 "A wise-hearted person is said to have discernment..." Prov 16:23 "The wise man's heart teaches his mouth, and to his lips it adds learning." Prov 20:5 "The heart's real intentions are like deep water; but a person with discernment draws them out." Prov 27:9 "Perfume and incense make the heart glad, <also> friendship sweet with advice from the heart."
• Head and Heart Think Differently	Head: Single Focus Heart: Four Focuses
• Head must care for the body	Luke 7:1-10 Responsibility: Head's primary focus Authority: a functional after thought Attitude: Being "one under authority"
• THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF POWER	POWER OF POSITION POWER OF INFLUENCE

But then beyond that there is very important point and that is that authority or power comes in two types—there are two types of power in our day. And I think we get mixed up as to which one is the most powerful. First of all is the power of position, that is the one who is in charge. And then there is the power of influence. And Scripture and history confirm the fact that those in a position of influence have a far greater power than those in a position of authority. It is not the president who has the real power, it is his advisors that tell him what he should do. It is not the supreme court justices, it is the assistants who give direction. It is not the husband who has the real power, it is the wife that influences the husband. And all down through history we see the evidence, the confirmation of that fact. And that’s why whenever *Elohim* wants to teach on the matter of authority, he always starts with the one under authority. He always talks to the children before talking to their parents. He said “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise)*” (see Eph. 6:1-2) then He said “*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*” (Eph. 6:4). He always talks to the servants before the masters “*Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Messiah...*” (Eph. 6:5-8) and the He tells the masters “*And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.*” (Eph. 6:9). He always talks to the wife before He talks to the husband. “*Wives you submit to your husbands, and husbands, you love your wife...*” Why does He talk to the one under first? Because the one under authority has the greater power. If you use that power properly, you can get fantastic results but there are four attitudes you must have if you are going to get the result of that power. Incidentally this is why also when *Elohim* wanted to change kingdoms, he didn’t put Esther, Daniel, Joseph and Moses as the topmost, he put them all as the second in command. And they are the ones who changed the course of history. God will do the same thing to everyone of you if only we have these four attitudes in 1 Peter 3:1-6.

Diagram 4 - FOUR REQUIRED ATTITUDES - 1 Peter 3:1-6

First of all, in the area of marriage we have our relationship before *Adonai*, spoken to us in Ephesians 5:21 “*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of Adonai.*” The husband does not stand between the wife and *Elohim*. Each one goes directly to Him when it comes to the relationship with *Adonai*. But then there is the area of responsibility. In the area of responsibility the husband has a sphere of responsibility as being the leader, the protector and the provider. And husbands, your wife more than anything else wants you to be the **spiritual leader of the home**. A leader is not a man who is able to make long prayers among other things. But is a man who is seeking after *Adonai*. Is not where you are spiritually, it’s what direction you are going. And if you are moving toward our *Elohim*, even the stumbling holding prayers of a growing husband is a delight for a wife to hear. And the more intimate you are in your prayer with *Adonai*, the more the spirit of your wife will be drawn to you and *Adonai*. And wives you have a spirit that *Elohim* has given you and that spirit is far more powerful than you realize. *Adonai* talks about you being a home executive. Today the five functions that *Elohim* planned for the home have been taken away. One of the most exciting things we are seeing happen today are these five functions being brought back

FOUR REQUIRED ATTITUDES – 1 PETER 3:1-6

Relationship to God, to each other Eph. 5:21

1. A Reverent Spirit
Def: knowing God works thru authorities
Key: Separate Position from Personality
Ex: Paul, Esther, Mary, David Hebs:8

2. A Grateful Spirit
Unhappiness is: public rebuke
Key: Give expectations to God Ps 62:5
Ex: Sarah

3. A Servant's Spirit
Def: God's way to greatness
Key: Excited to make others successful
Ex: Joseph
Submission is freedom under Gods
Alternative - exploitation protection

4. A Quiet Spirit
Def: Overcoming fear + worry
Key: Defining responsibilities + seeing ultimate value in failure.
Ex: Pilate's wife
Warning: Taking matters into your own hands.

Responsibility under God
HUSBAND:
1. Leader/Priest
2. Protector
3. Provider

- Destroys your home
- Forces children to hate husband or wife
- Hinders husbands response to God.
- Causes husband to surrender responsibilities.

in the home. Yet there are four attitudes that wives and mothers must develop to fully restore your home to what *Adonai* intended it to be. But not only wives and mothers, but husbands, fathers, sons and daughters, every single one of us are also under authority. Men you need these four attitudes with your boss at work. Everyone of us needs these attitudes, what are they?

□ **A Reverent Spirit:** It states in 1 Peter 3:6 “...even as Sara was reverent toward her husband.” What does a reverent spirit mean? It means that you are aware that *Adonai* is working through your human authority to accomplish His will in your life. Even though the human authority is not what he should be. And that is the key to being reverent—separating the personality of your human authority from his position under *Elohim*. He may have a terrible disposition, he may be a ruthless person. King *Ahashverosh* was a very ruthless evil king, even his own chamberlain and those close to him wanted to kill him. And yet Esther was reverent to him, and *Adonai* used that to save our people. Consider Rav Sha’ul in the following situation in Acts 23:1-5:

Sha’ul looked straight at them and said, "Brothers, I have been discharging my obligations to God with a perfectly clear conscience, right up until today." But the cohen hagadol, Hananyah, ordered those standing near him to strike him on the mouth. Then Sha’ul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Will you sit there judging me according to the Torah, yet in violation of the Torah order me to be struck?" The men nearby said, "This is the cohen hagadol of God that you're insulting!" Sha’ul said, "I didn't know, brothers, that he was the cohen hagadol; for it says in the Torah, 'You are not to speak disparagingly of a ruler of your people.'"

Sha’ul immediately apologized when he realized he was speaking to the high priest. Now that high priest was a *whitewashed wall*, he was a hypocrite just as *Sha’ul* said. But *Sha’ul* immediately had to separate his position under *Elohim* from his terrible personality. Messiah learned obedience, we are told, by the things that he suffered. There are certain character qualities we will not learn unless we are under difficult authorities. This is perhaps why *Elohim* allowed *Yosef* to be taken away from his father. There are certain character qualities *Yosef* never would have learned under his father *Ya’akov*, who was favoring him. His father would have not trained him like he was trained as a slave in Egypt and later in prison. There are certain character qualities that you and I will never learn unless we get under God-given authorities even if they are difficult.

□ **A Grateful Spirit:** Now this probably one of the most important attitudes of all. One day a very attractive woman came to a Messianic rabbi and asked: “*Rav, why did my husband leave me?*” “*I have no idea*” said the rabbi. Noticing a very sad countenance on the woman the rabbi said “*How long have you been sad?*” “*Ever since the day I got married,*” she said to him. “*Now I know why your husband left you,*” said the wise rabbi, “*because an unhappy wife is a public rebuke to her husband. You are saying to everyone that looks at you my husband doesn’t know how to make me happy, he’s a failure!*” This is also why *Adonai* doesn’t want unhappy believers in the Body of Messiah. He wants us to rejoice and ‘*In everything give thanks, for this is the Will of G-d...*’ because an unhappy believer is a public rebuke to the L-rd. What is the key to having a grateful spirit? And this is so important! The key to having a grateful spirit is giving your expectations to *Adonai*. *Expectations destroy relationships*. Why is it harder to get along with people in our own family than it is with people outside our family? One simple reason, we don’t expect as much from people outside our family. We expect more from people within our family, and those expectations destroy relationships. Now each of us have our responsibilities, and that is one thing, but its so easy to expect more! When girls get married they are going to have in the back of their minds a list of expectations that they have for that husband. You girls, expect them to love you, you expect him to tell you once in a while he loves you, you expect him to support you, you expect him to be faithful, you expect him... all these expectations! And so what happens if he fulfills these expectations? “So what!” I mean, you expected those things anyway. If he wants any special medals he has to go beyond your expectations. You know what that does? That makes your husband a prisoner of your expectations. And many men do not want to be prisoners. You know they will do? This isn’t right, but they will try to get you to expect as little as possible. One day our rabbi was sitting in front of an older couple when the grandmother said to him, “*don’t you think my husband ought to go to synagogue? Don’t you think my husband ought to be-*

come a believer?" and she went on and on like that. Finally she went in the kitchen to get refreshments and the grandfather turned to the rabbi, with a twinkle in his eye, and said to him *"Rabbi, I believe in Yeshua, but don't tell my wife! It is bad enough now!"* I have had the sad responsibility of talking with many husbands who have left their wives and it has taught me something. A while back a woman said to me *"Rabbi, my husband is working with a woman a pretty awkward situation, but I am not too worried but I am not too worried because she is not a very attractive woman."* And I had to say to her *"based on what I have seen men run away with, no one is safe!"* I can't believe what these men have left behind and what they have run away with. It doesn't make any sense outwardly, so what is the attraction? And one of the most powerful attractive forces is gratefulness. Here is how it happens, a man works there and he gives a compliment to the woman, and she wasn't expecting that. Now she expresses appreciation for his thoughtfulness, and that encourages him. There is something a man needs which is fulfilled in being appreciated, honored, and revered. So he does another little thoughtful thing for her, and she wasn't expecting that so she is grateful and she thanks him even more than before. Pretty soon she says to herself, *'if only my husband was as sensitive and thoughtful as he is, we'd have a wonderful marriage.'* But at the same time he is saying to himself, *'if only my wife was as thankful and grateful as she is, we'd have a happy marriage.'* So what do they do? The irony of it is that they brake up their marriages and they come together and what do they have? A whole bunch of expectations! And the very expectations they come together with destroy that new relationship, along with a host of other judgments from *Elohim*. And thus the key is to take these expectations and to give them to *Elohim*. (see Psalm 62)

Let's suppose it's 6:30 PM and there's no husband. He knows he is supposed to call you if he is not going to be home in time for dinner. 7:00 PM and still no husband. 7:30 PM still no husband, finally at 7:45 PM your husband comes in. By this time the food is cold but the wife is hot, and nothing tastes good that night. Then lets say you follow these steps, next night 6:30 PM and no husband. 7:00 PM and still no husband. 7:30 PM still no husband, finally at 7:45 PM your husband comes in. This time you are thrilled to see him because you were not expecting him at all. You know I guarantee your husband will be aware of this new attitude. He'll wonder what you want, or what you did and you'll wonder how long is this going to last. And if it lasts, you've got yourself an exciting and wonderful work of *Adonai* in his life and yours. The Scripture & song for this is from Ps 62: *'MY SOUL, WAIT THOU ONLY, ONLY UPON GOD, FOR FROM HIM COMETH MY EXPECTATION.'* Don't expect things from human beings. *Adonai* is the one we have all our expectations from, if we give our expectations to him. *Don't give your responsibilities to Adonai, give only your expectations to Him!*

□ **A Servant Spirit:** this is the key to greatness because he that is greatest among you let him be servant of all. What is a servant spirit? It is becoming excited about making somebody else successful. *Yosef* became excited about making *Potiphar*, and later the prison-keeper and Pharaoh successful. *Adonai* will always bless a servant spirit. In fact the amazing result of this was the pretty soon *Potiphar* only knew the food in front of him and *Yosef* was responsible for the whole house. They reversed roles! Submission is really *"Freedom to be creative under the protection of God-given authority!"* The alternative to submission is not freedom but exploitation. So many today that are getting out from under God-given authority are being exploited. Exploited by other people, exploited by the world.

□ **A Quiet Spirit:** a meek and a quiet spirit is a great value, a great price. What is a quiet spirit? It is the freedom from worry and fear. Not giving way to hysterical fear. We are told to follow the example of *Sarah*. *Sarah* did not trust her husband. It says she trusted *Elohim* and called her husband lord (*ba'al*). And once we trust *Adonai* to work through His authorities, we do not have to give way to hysterical fear. The key is defining our responsibility and then defining our partner's responsibility and focusing on our responsibility and letting *Adonai* work out what He wants to with the partners. There are so many examples in Scripture and history that illustrate this. For example, Pilate's wife. She came to her husband the day he was going to try *Yeshua*, and she gave him a caution. She said, *'honey this is an innocent man I have had many troubled dreams because of him. Don't turn him over.'* Now was she right? She was totally accurate! And again husbands, *Adonai* will give your

wife cautions for you and it will do you well to listen to them. But wives, if you give your cautions to your husband, and he doesn't listen, then you can be sure that *Adonai* is going to accomplish **His bigger purposes** even through your husband's failure. Can you imagine what would have happened if Pilate's wife had interfered with *Yeshua's* trial? And yet she was right and he was wrong. But *Adonai* is able to accomplish His bigger purposes through even the mistakes of those in authority. That is why we are told in Proverbs 14:1 "*Every wise woman builds up her home, but a foolish one tears it down with her own hands (by taking matters in her own hands).*" When we take matters into our own hands we destroy our very home and family. Also by taking matters into your own hands you force your children to love and to hate because no one can serve two masters. One day a woman came to the rabbi and said "*Rav, my husband was about to make a very foolish business decision and he would have lost our whole business. So I took matters into my own hands and I saved our business.*" And she did. What she did not know was that *Adonai* was getting ready to discipline her husband with a foolish business decision and he was going to go bankrupt (see Proverbs 4-8) because he was secretly involved with another woman. And *Elohim* was going to chasten him and bring him back to repentance through that. But because she stepped in and saved the business he had plenty of money to run off with the woman, so she won the battle, but she lost the war. She ended up losing the husband, the business, the family,... she lost everything...

Diagram 5 - How to Conquer Fear and Worry

We are told in Scripture (2 Tim 1:7) that fear is not of *Elohim*: "*For Elohim hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*" Fear is, therefore, of Satan. Scripture (1 Pet 5:8) also tells us to: "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*" I am told that if a lion is roaring, he is an old beat up lion that cannot really kill prey because its teeth are all worn down. So what he'll do is he will scare the prey by roaring so the prey will run in the opposite direction where the young lions that are hiding downwind in the tall grass will leap out and kill the escaping prey. Then the old lion will come and get his share because he helped kill the prey. Satan is as a roaring old lion, instead of running away from our fears, we ought to instead run right into them.

How do we run into our fears? By first asking ourselves what is the worst that would happen if we obey what we know we should do. Wives ask yourself the question: "*if my husband would fail in this area, or if these things would happen, what is the worst I can expect?*" I appreciate the testimony of a businessman who knew that if he obeyed *Adonai* he'd probably lose his business. So he thought: "*What is the worst thing that can happen if I lose my business?*" To start with, he could not think of one thing, but the *Ruach Elohim* began to give him insights—first he would have more time for his family and second he would have less worry and pressure. He began to list all these benefits of losing his business and then he started to get excited about losing his business! The same thing will happen to us if we think of the worst thing that can happen to us if we obey *Elohim's* Will. In a short time we'll begin to get excited about the benefits that we would receive if the worst thing takes place—and fear disappears!

HOW TO CONQUER FEAR AND WORRY


The opposite of having a meek and quiet spirit is giving way to fear and worry. Fear is not of God, nor has He given us the spirit of fear. (See II Timothy 1:7.) Therefore, fear is from our adversary, the devil, who "... as a **roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

A roaring lion frightens the prey and it runs away, but in the opposite direction are the young lions lurking in the tall grass. Safety would have come by running *into* the roar, because the roaring lion is usually older, has worn teeth, and is not as fast as the young lions. The practical application of this example is as follows:

FEAR

Worst?
(Immediate
Consequences)

Benefits?



WORRY

List Wife's Worries

List Husband's Responsibilities

Basic Commitment:
"Father, I do now purpose to learn more about the meekness of Christ by developing a reverent spirit, a grateful spirit, a servant's spirit, and a quiet spirit. As a first step toward this goal, I do give You all my expectations. Amen."

One day a woman came and she told the Messianic rabbi: *“The doctors told me to stay home from work, and I can’t do that.”* “Why did the doctors tell you to stay home?” asked the rabbi. *“Because I so sick I shouldn’t go to work,”* said the woman. The wise rabbi asked: *“what is the worst thing that will happen if you have to stay home?”* *“Well, I guess the worst thing is that I would starve to death,”* said the woman. So then the rabbi asked, *“What are the benefits of starving to death?”* He continued, *“The first benefit is that the first forty days will be a good fast, and during that time you will see rich insights in Scripture, also during that time you give believers time to demonstrate true religion which is to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction. Furthermore, let’s say that you would starve to death, you’d be with Adonai and that is a promotion.”* By this time the woman said, *“All right, I’ll stay home.”* Next morning, about 10:00 AM, her 21-year old sloth came in the room, and said *“Hey Ma, how come you are not at work today?”* She said, *“I guess I am just too sick to go to work.”* Her son said, *“What do we do for food around here?”* She said, *“I guess we are just going to starve to death!”* Then she rolled over and went to sleep. He lasted three days, the he went out and got a job. What she thought was the worst, really, ended up being something that should have happened long time earlier. Her lazy son got a job and stopped smooching off her.

Also there is the matter of worry. One day a man called the Messianic rabbi and said, *“Rabbi, please help my wife, she is ready for a nervous breakdown.”* He said, *“OK, bring her over.”* When she came over the rabbi asked her, *“What are you worrying about?”* She said, *“Oh, they are going to be turning off the electricity, they already have taken the phone out, and I don’t know what we are going to do for food or heat this winter...”* The wise rabbi said, *“You know that is not your responsibility, that is your husband’s responsibility. If a man provide not for his wife, he is worse than an unbeliever (infidel).”* (see 1 Tim. 5:8) *“So, what is your next worry?”* asked the rabbi. She said, *“The children are so rebellious they don’t listen to a thing that I say.”* The wise rabbi said: *“Now if they rebel against the rules, then you discipline them. If they rebel against the right to make the rules, then your husband disciplines them. That is your husband’s responsibility.”* The rabbi continued, *“What’s your next worry...”* You see, everyone of her worries wasn’t even her responsibility. So the rabbi said, *“Let us have a little word of prayer and let’s turn all of these responsibilities all over to your husband.”* And as they both bowed she prayed, *“Adonai, I thank you that these are not my responsibilities and right now I turn all these over on my husband.”* Now the upset husband was glaring at the Rebbe!

Do you know why the husband was glaring at the babbi? Wives, us men don’t like responsibility. And if you are willing to take it, they’ll give them all to you. But they know that’s not right. *Elohim* designed a man to work best under pressure. Look at the Psalms, e.g., *“Unto Thee O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God I trust in Thee. Let me not be ashamed...”* (Pasm 25) It is like taking a boat motor, designed to work best under water and running it out of the water—it burns itself out. Many wives get in the way and take the pressure away from him, and therefore *Elohim* cannot work with him. If another woman meets the intimate needs of your husband it is like putting a knife in and twisting it. But so it is for a man when a wife does not respect his God-given authority. Therefore the key to intimacy and marriage is when a wife opens up the secrets of her heart, because it appeals to the husband’s most powerful motivation—protection. This is why the principle of authority is at the beginning of everything.

ⁱ Diagrams and content based loosely on IBLP’s Basic Seminar: “Resolving Basic Youth Conflicts,” Oakbrook, IL, USA 1990