

# Ephesians Series

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# Authority Orientation and Parenting

## Ephesians 6:1–9



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER



**Context:**

**Broad context of Ephesians**

**Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”**

**Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”**

**Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,”**

**Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”**

**Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”**

**Eph. 5:15, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,”**

**Context:**

**Near context of Ephesians**

**Three pairs of people who are in authority relationships.**

**wives – husbands,  
children – parents,  
servants – masters**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

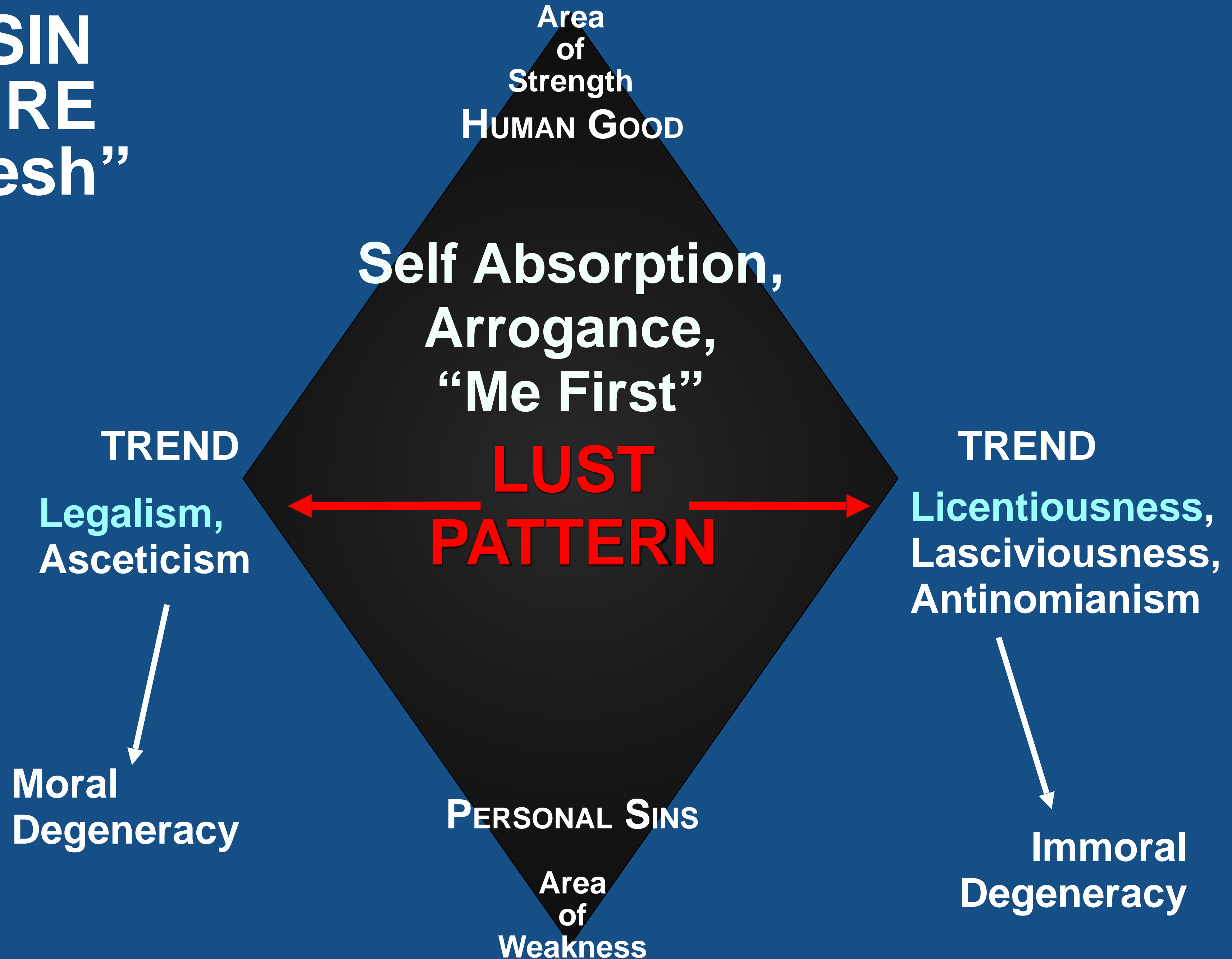
**Spheres of Authority**



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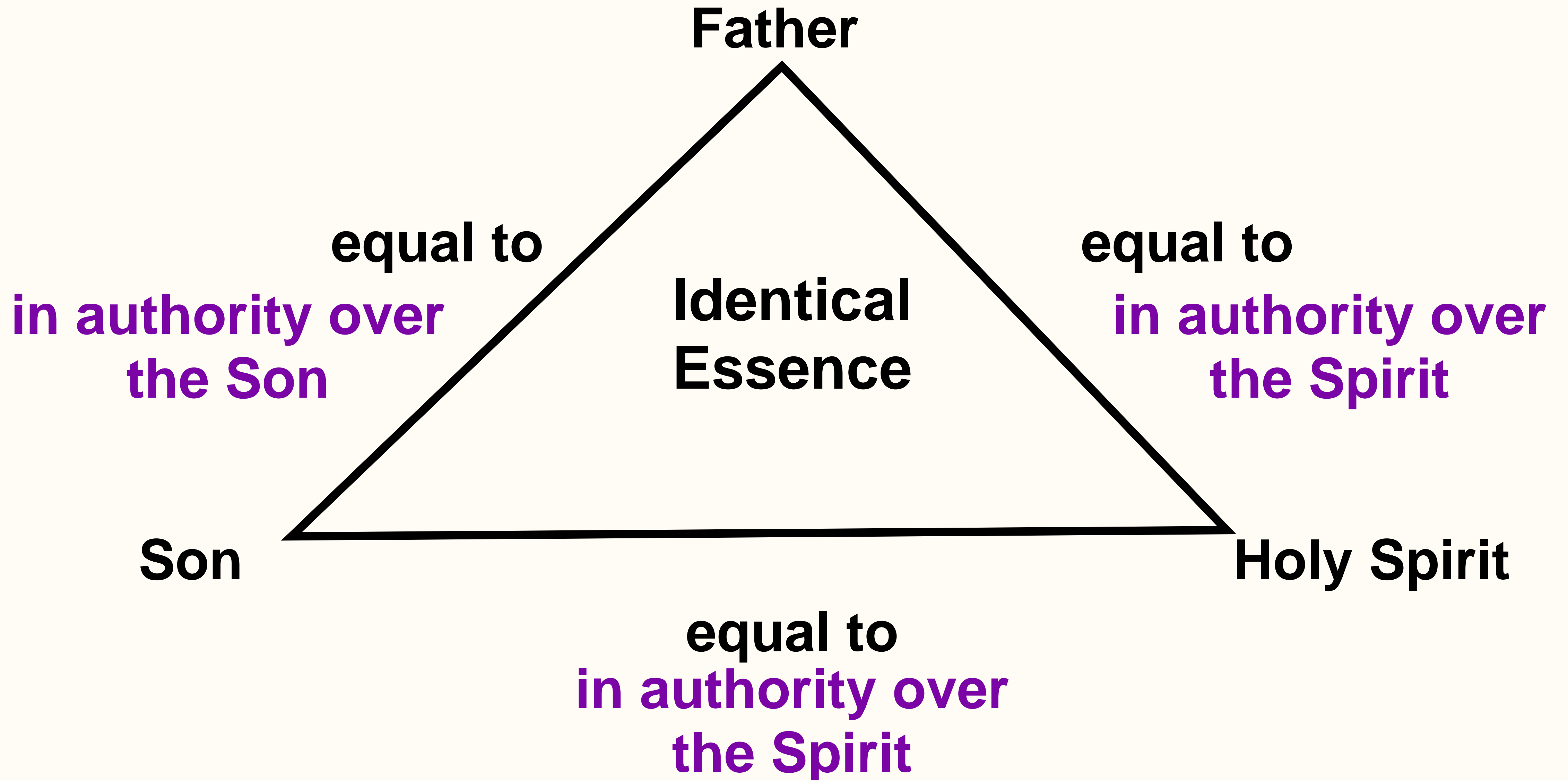


# THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”





# Authority in the Triune Relationships



# **1. There is authority in the Godhead.**

**John 5:19, “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.’ ”**

**John 5:26, “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,”**

**John 5:30, “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”**

**John 5:37, “And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.”**



**John 8:28, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.’ ”**

**Heb. 5:7, “who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,**

**Heb. 5:8, “though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.**

**Heb. 5:9, “And having been matured, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”**

**Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”**



## Authority over the Holy Spirit

**John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”**

**John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”**

**John 16:7, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”**

## **2. The authority of God as Creator over His creation.**

**Rom. 8:20, “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;”  
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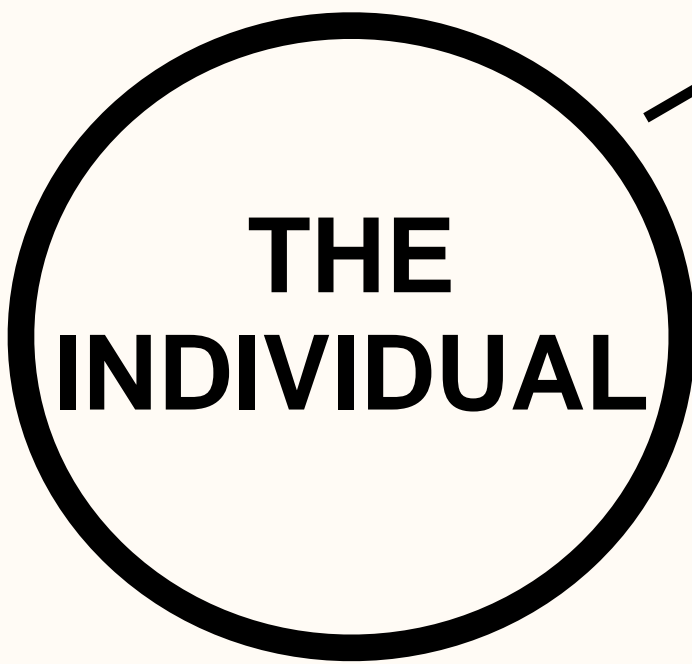


# Spheres of Authority

Authority within the  
Triune Godhead

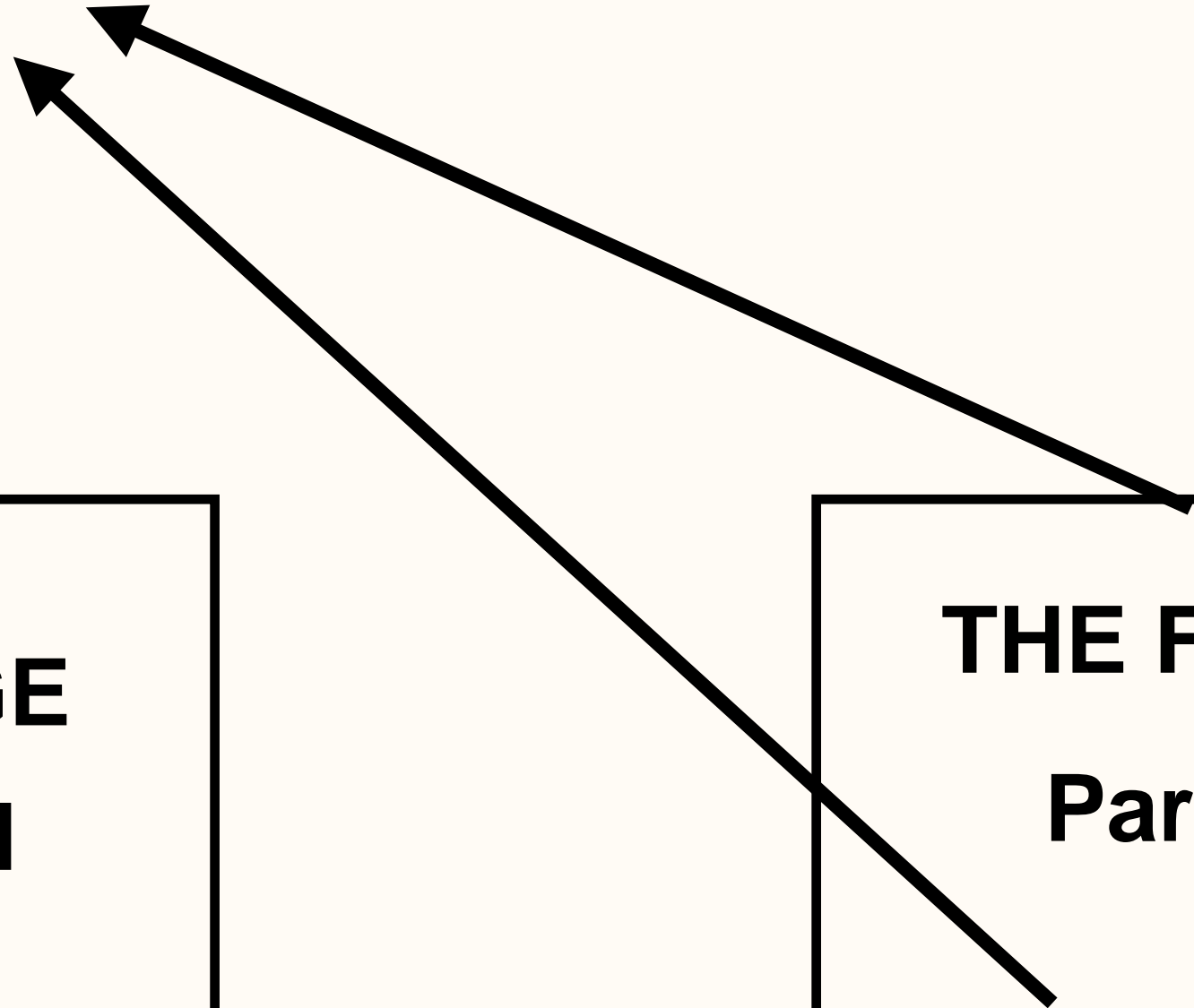
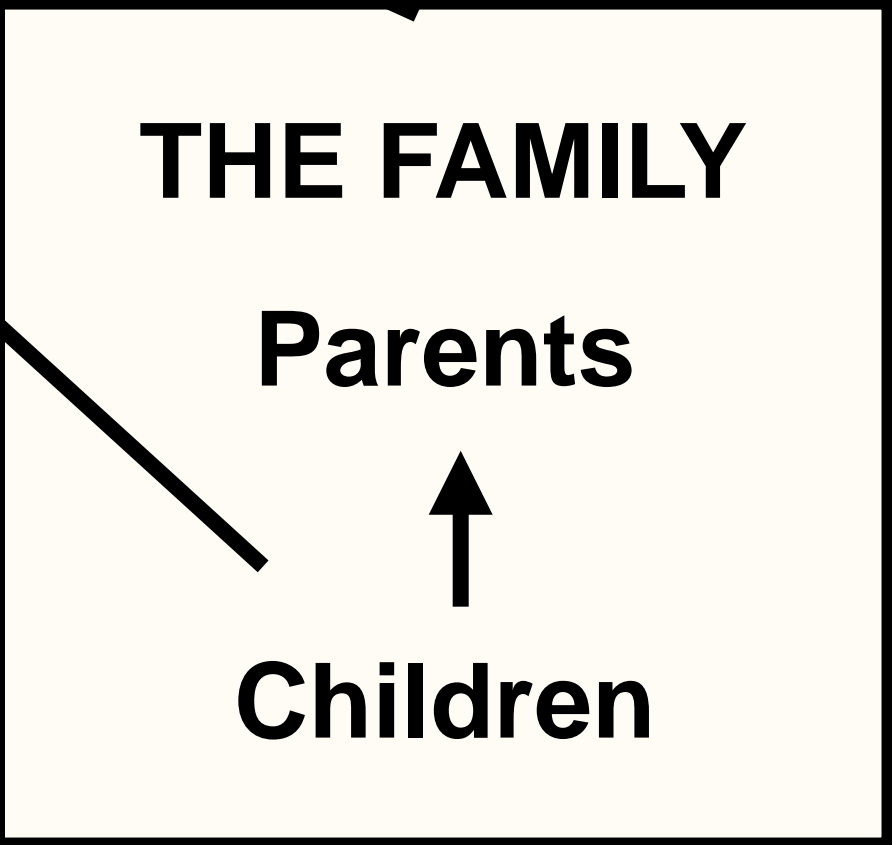
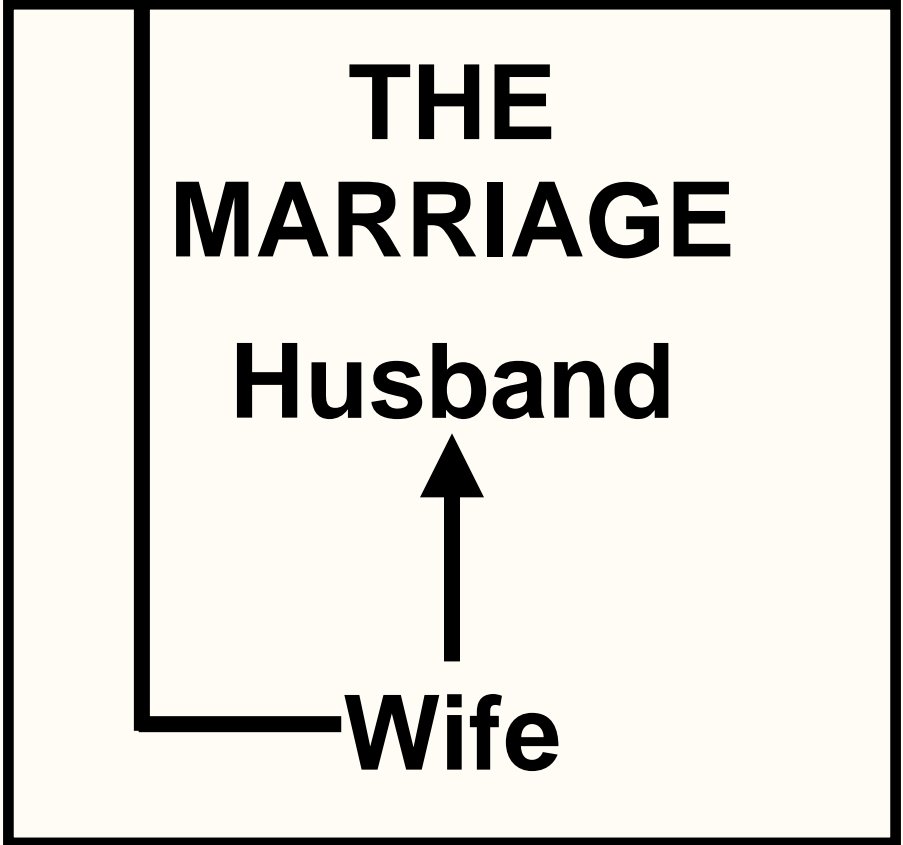


Distinct Roles



Responsible to  
God

**CREATOR  
GOD**



# THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

## BUILDS SOCIETY

1. Responsible  
Choice

2. Marriage

3. Family  
The Training  
Ground

Promote  
stability,  
blessing,  
perpetuation of  
the human race.

## RESTRAINS SOCIETY

4. Civil  
Government

5. Tribal  
Diversity

Discipline and  
punish and  
restrain evil

## BLESSES SOCIETY

6. ISRAEL

Bless the world



## **Key Principles that Inform Child Training:**

- a. God institutes spheres of authority within the creation.**
- b. At birth, parents are given the responsibility to train children to restrain their sin natures. This emphasizes the importance of obedience to authorities.**
- c. Without authority orientation, life can become quite chaotic and self-destructive.**
- d. The key is to teach humility which is learned through enforced humility.**
- e. Only through Scripture can we have a healthy view of authority and obedience.**

**2. God has instituted marriage and the family as the training ground to teach individual responsibility along with both positive and negative consequences for one's action.**

**3. Authority in the marriage**

**4. Authority in the home**

**5. Authority in the workplace**



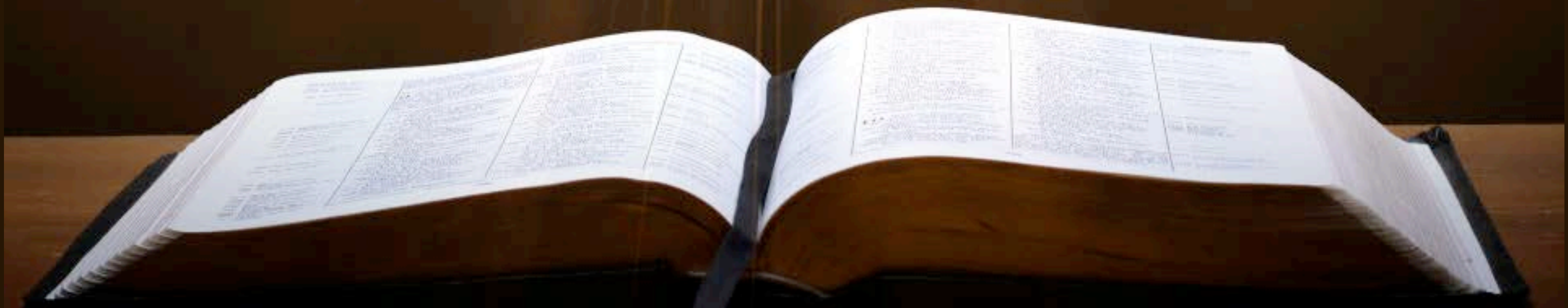
**Why Does the Bible Place Such an Emphasis on:**

**Authority  
Leadership**

**Obedience  
Disobedience  
Rebellion?**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**God's View of Rebellion  
Against Legitimate  
Authority**



**1 Sam. 15:23, “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”**



**Eph. 6:1**, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

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# **What Do You Envision for Your Children as Adults?**

**A person who makes wise decisions, or a foolish, rebellious adult, unstable in their lives?**

**Prov. 23:24, “The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who begets a wise child will delight in him.”**

**Prov. 10:1, “The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother.”**

**Prov. 15:5, “A fool despises his father’s instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent.”**

**Prov. 15:20, “A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.”**

**Prov. 17:25, “A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.”**

**Prov. 19:13, “A foolish son is the ruin of his father, and the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.”**



**Prov. 22:15, “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.”  
[NKJV]**

**Prov. 22:15, “Foolishness is tangled up in the heart of a youth; the rod of discipline will drive it away from him.”  
[HCSB]**

# **What the Bible Teaches About The Training of Children**

