

AUTHORITY:



WHO/WHAT IS THE AUTHORITY IN SPIRITUAL MATTERS?



False Standards of Authority

- “If It Does Good, It Must Be Right.”
 - Appeal to Human Reasoning & Opinion
 - It Inevitably Contradicts God’s Will

Col. 3:16/Eph. 5:18; Romans 3:8; 6:1; 5:20; 6:2



False Standards of Authority

- “Great, Wise Men Have Taught This.”
 - Only Authorities Are Cited Who Agree
 - Even Scholars Can Be Wrong

1st Corinthians 2:2-5



False Standards of Authority

- “Faithful Brethren Have Taught This.”
 - Opposing Views Could Be Argued From One
 - Yet Another Fallacy of Argument

Matthew 15:6-9; Colossians 2:8



False Standards of Authority

- “I’d Rather Do Wrong Than Do Nothing.”
 - Wrong is Wrong; Sin is Sin

1st Samuel 13:3-14

- The Right Thing is Always the Right Thing

1st Corinthians 7:19



The Bible: The Correct Standard

- NOT The Old Testament!
 - The Old Is Obsolete

Hebrews 8:13; 7:18, 19

- At the Death of the Testator

Hebrews 9:16, 17



The Bible: The Correct Standard

- The New Testament
 - The Will of God Through Christ

John 7:16, 17; Matthew 28:18
 - Delegated Authority to The Apostles

Matthew 16:18, 19; 18:18; John 6:38; 20:21-23; Acts 2:41,42

