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<b>SPEAKER</b>	David Smith
<b>TITLE</b>	Respect for Authority
<b>SERIES</b>	When we envision a dream home, we think of a luxurious house featuring all the latest trends. But a house doesn't make a home. What if the ideal home isn't one with rich with features, but rich in godliness? How do we make our godly dream homes a reality?

We have had an authority problem, a “crisis of authority”, since the beginning of humanity. Why do we rebel against authority and why is respect so important? This week, Pastor David discusses *1 Peter 2:13-17* and how respect for authority is the path to and the mark of maturity.

- How does respecting human authority show an ultimate respect for God's authority (*Romans 13:1-2*)?
- Who are the people in authority in your life? What are a few ways in which we might rebel against authority in our life and why?
- Explain how the respect for authority is the path to and the mark of maturity for a Believer? List a few ways in which you might show more respect toward those God has placed in authority over you.
- Pastor Smith outlined three reasons as to why we rebel against authority — the misuse and abuse of authority, how it deploys our pride, and how it could cause us to sin.
  - Which of these areas creates the largest issues for you?
  - Two of these are problems with authority. Should they be handled differently, and if so how?
- For whom are you in a position of authority? Have you thought about your responsibility to leverage that authority for their benefit?
- Jesus spoke against authority figures on many occasions. (*Mark 2:23-28, Luke 5:29-32, Matthew 21:12-13*). Should this be a model for us? Is undermining an authority ever appropriate and, if so, in what context?
- What is the most significant change you need to make regarding how you view authority?
- When submitting to and respecting authority in our lives, what fruits of the Spirit are then evident to others (*Galatians 5:22-23*)? Consider praying to the Lord to guide you and grant wisdom to seek opportunities to glorify Him in your respect for authority.