

never allow even a hint of profanity, are now filled with .. innuendo and immorality.

A group known as the Media Research Centre monitored the so-called "prime time" and concluded: "Prime time's decreasing respect for parental authority (Ephesians 6:4) and traditional values has been troubling, but the deterioration of standards has been most noticeable in two areas: language and immorality."

We may not be able to do much about television programmes from the creative end of things, but we can surely do something from a personal perspective. We can take a look at our viewing habits. We can evaluate whether we have become desensitised to what we see and hear. We can let God's Word, not the world, control what we see (Eph. 4:17). That's the best way to gain control of the tube. --JDB

Has your TV taken too much control?

How is 'parental authority' on TV and in the Bible different?

The Bible is the best TV guide.



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Control Of The Tube

You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind. --Ephesians 4:17

Do you ever feel that society is whirling out of control? I feel that way sometimes when I read about what's on television. I say "read about" because I don't want to see most of what's on.

For example, TV talk shows have sunk to such depths that hosts are bringing young teenagers on to talk shamelessly about their personal 'exploits'. And prime-time comedy programs, which in the past would





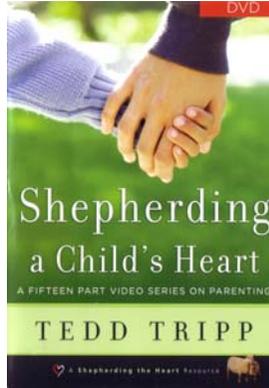
Our Home Authority

We need to make three comments about authority, from the Scripture:

1. We are to _____ authority,

Ephesians 6:1-4, 5:24, 6:5,

(Matthew 8:5-13) "Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, {6} saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." {7} And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." {8} The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. {9} "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." {10} When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! {11} "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. {12} "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." {13} Then Jesus said to the centurion,



"Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour."

(Matthew 28:18-19) "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. {19} "Go therefore and make disciples .."

(Romans 13:1) "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."



2. We are to remember that we are _____ authority,

Ephesians 6:4

◆ **As S _____,**

(Ezekiel 34:1-6) "And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, {2} "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not

the shepherds feed the flocks? {3} "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. {4} "The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.

{5} "So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

{6} "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them.""

◆ **As S _____,**



(Philippians 2:5-11) "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, {6} who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, {7} but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. {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. {9} Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, {10} that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, {11} and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."



3. We are to remember the _____ of our authority,

Ephesians 6:1-4

(Malachi 2:13-16) "And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands. {14} Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. {15} But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. {16} "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously.""

(Matthew 23:25-28) ""Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

{26} "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. {27} "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. {28} "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

