



# NOT MY WILL

John 12:48-50

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- ▣ Everyone follows someone.
- ▣ Luke 22:42 *“Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”*
- ▣ Not my will but yours be done – what an example for us!

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- ▣ Philip 2:5-9
- ▣ Jesus took the form of a bond-servant and humbled Himself.
- ▣ Even to the point of dying on a cross!
- ▣ He was sent by the Father, to do the will of the Father and teach what the Father said
- ▣ He followed those instructions given to Him.

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- ▣ The Spirit gave this message to the apostles

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- ▣ John 13:20 *“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”*
- ▣ John 20:21 *“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’”*
- ▣ So we look to the teachings and practices of the apostles to know what pleases God.

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- ▣ The apostles were tasked with delivering this message. They could not change it and still be faithful.
- ▣ Acts 2:42 *“They were continually **devoting** themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

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- ▣ Matt 28:18-20 *“...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

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- ▣ All authority given to Jesus
- ▣ Definition: the Power to make and enforce laws, to command, to determine, judge or exact obedience.
- ▣ The **Power** to demand that you do things.
- ▣ God the creator! He has the right to tell the created what to do!

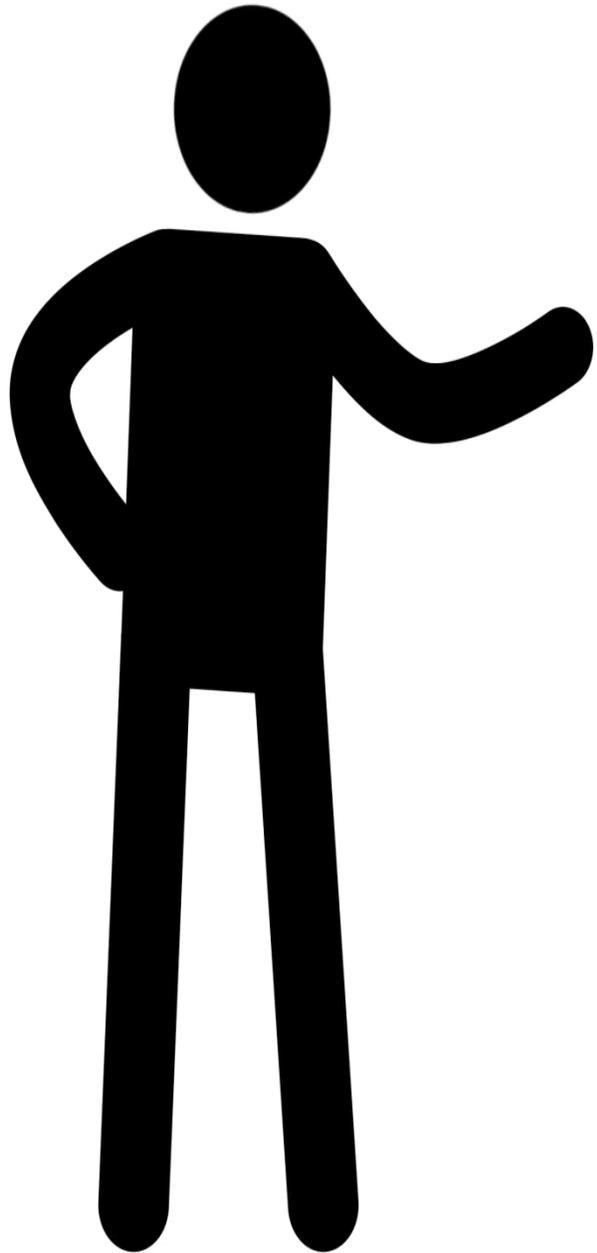
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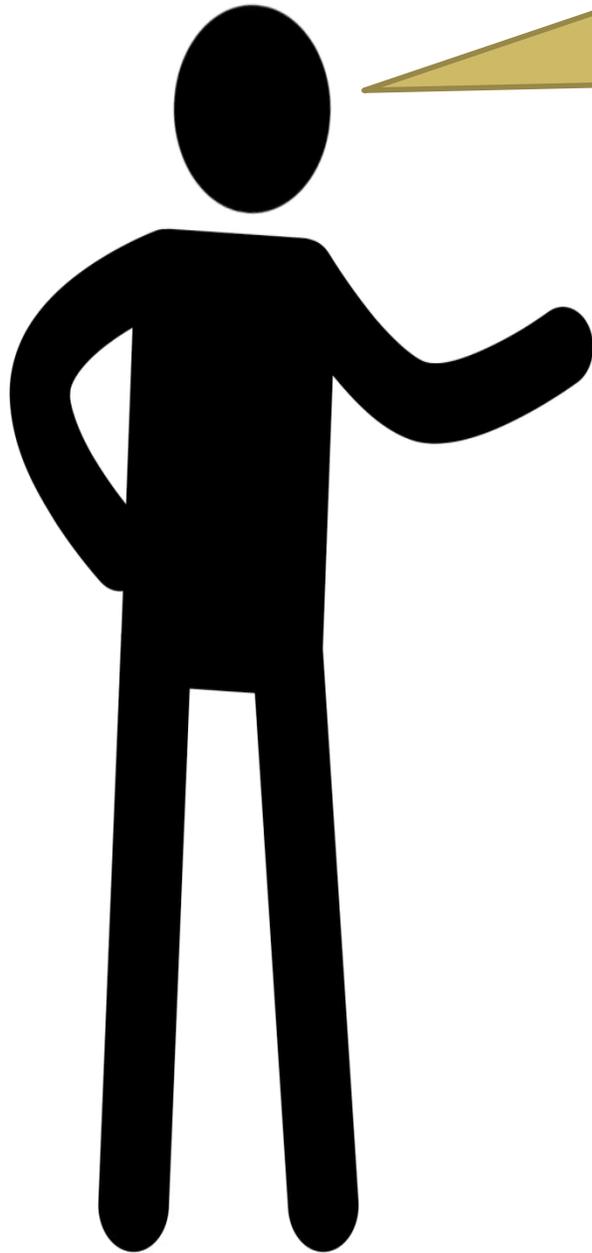
- ▣ Since Jesus has “all” authority, He can say, Teach them to keep all that I commanded you.
- ▣ That means we cannot leave out some.
- ▣ “But I don’t like that one” – then you have to learn to submit your will or you will be in rebellion to God’s will.

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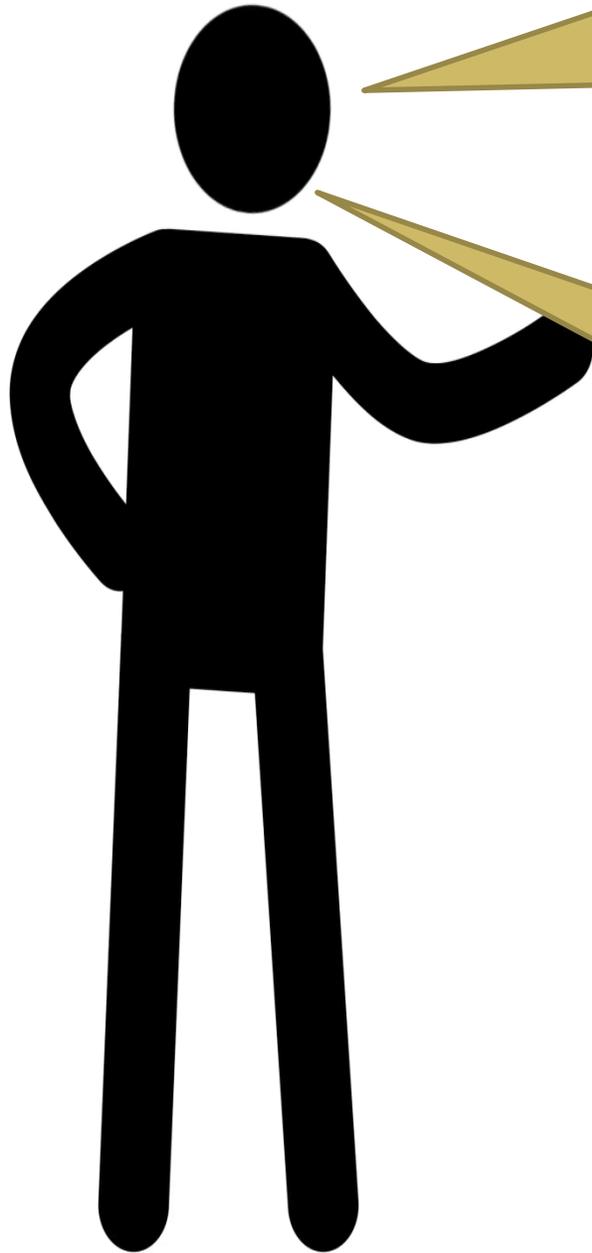
- ▣ “I think we should do something else.”  
- This is not an option!
- ▣ We cannot add more to the commands of God.
- ▣ When we talk about Bible authority we are talking about seeking God’s permission. God’s guidance.

**Let's Vote on it!!!**



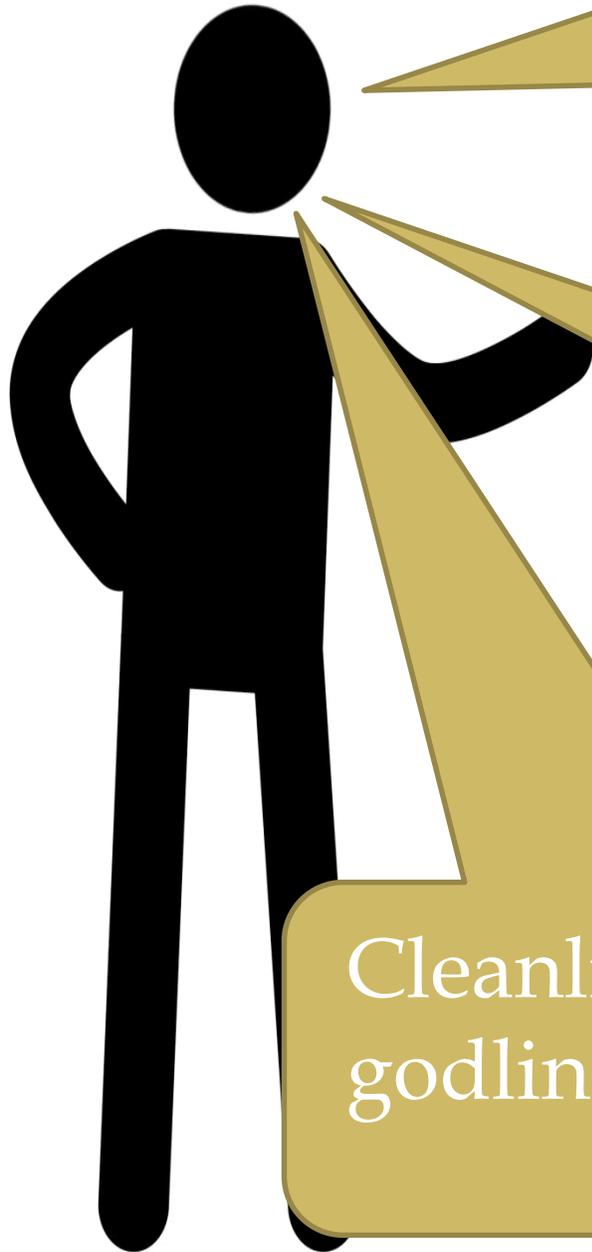


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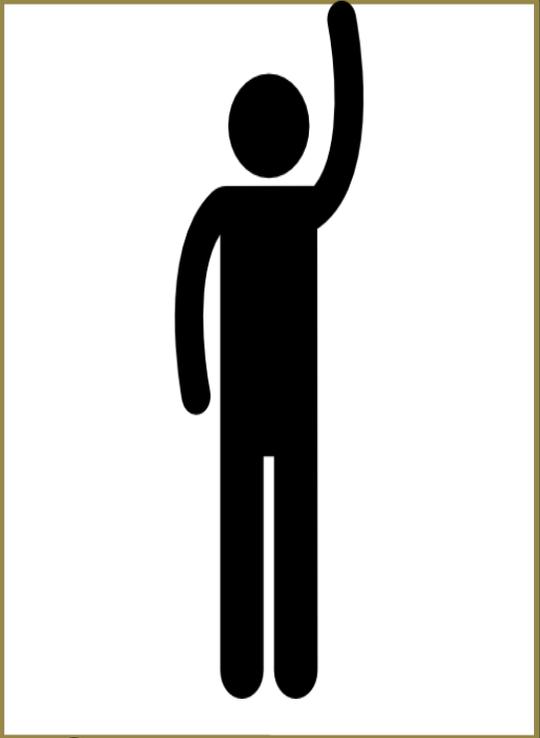
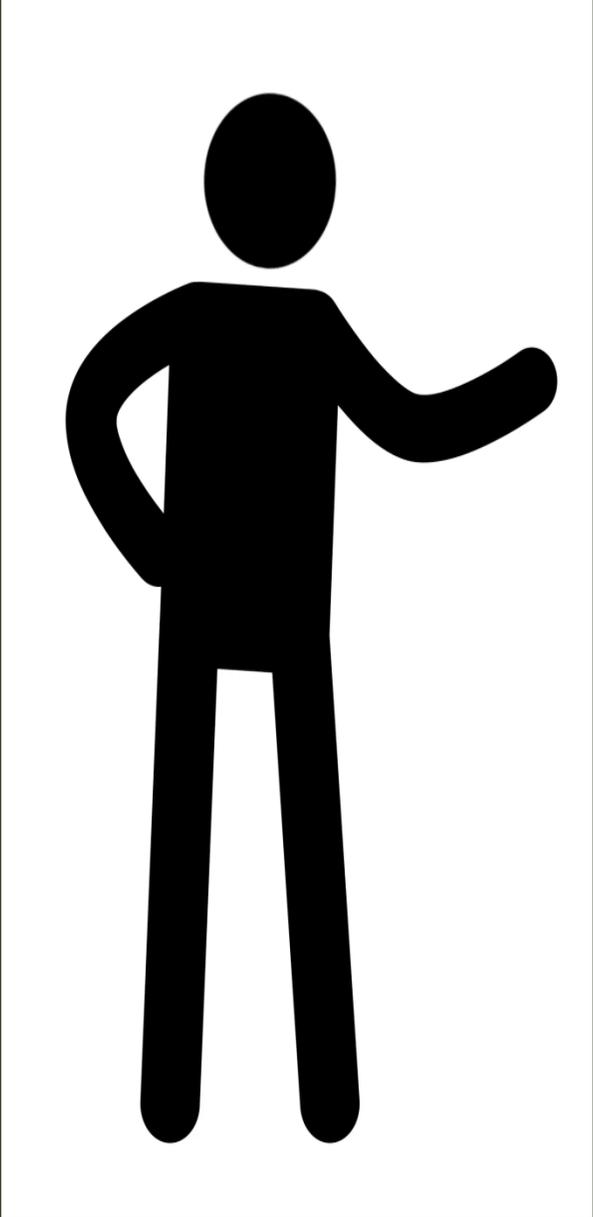
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Cleanliness is next to godliness



# The Authority to Command

- ▣ When we say we have authority to do something, what are we saying?
- ▣ This is the will of God.
- ▣ *“Thus says the Lord”*
- ▣ But how do we know this is the will of God? When we find it here in what He has told us.

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- ▣ Feelings are not reliable.
- ▣ *“But this seems like such a good thing.”*
- ▣ *“I think this is a wonderful thing to do”*
- ▣ We cannot speak for God. If His ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9) then we must let Him tell us what He likes or what He will be happy with.

# The Authority to Command

- ▣ The one who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, John 7:18
- ▣ Also, we can make no demands of God. *“God, you need to do this.”* or *“This makes me happy so give me this/let me do this.”*
- ▣ God’s authority means He leads, He directs and we follow.

- ▣ John 4:34 *“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.’”*
- ▣ This is the attitude of seeking God’s will. This is what we are talking about when we speak of Bible authority.
- ▣ Making sure we are following His will.

# Conclusion

- ▣ I don't think a lot of folks have “bad intentions” when they practice things not in the Bible.
- ▣ Some have not thought about it in this way.
- ▣ Some look at all the “good” done and that outweighs **any** other consideration.
- ▣ If God has not expressed that it is His will to do something, we cannot proceed.

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- ▣ “That is not what God wants”
- ▣ Met with indifference, don't care to learn.
- ▣ Whose will are you following?

