

# Ecclesiastes

## *The Search for Meaning*

**Authority**

**Ecclesiastes 8:1-9**

1. Wisdom lightens the \_\_\_\_\_ of authority. (v. 1)

2. Wisdom reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of submission. (vv. 2-5)

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3. Wisdom puts authority into \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 6-9)

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# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Read Romans 13:1-7 and Ephesians 6:1-3. Where did governmental authority come from? Why is it important? What about parental authority?
- 2) A wise person knows how to relate to authority. What ideas do you glean from Ecclesiastes 8:2-4?
- 3) Proverbs is an excellent resource for how to deal with authority. Look up “king” in Proverbs and see what wisdom you can find.
- 4) As one in authority, what temptations would you face? How could you overcome them? See Ecclesiastes 8:7-9

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**Memory Verse**  
**Ecclesiastes 8:1b**

*“Wisdom brightens a man’s face and changes its hard appearance.”*