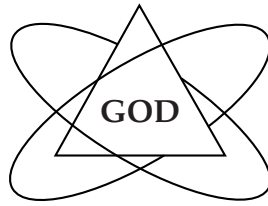
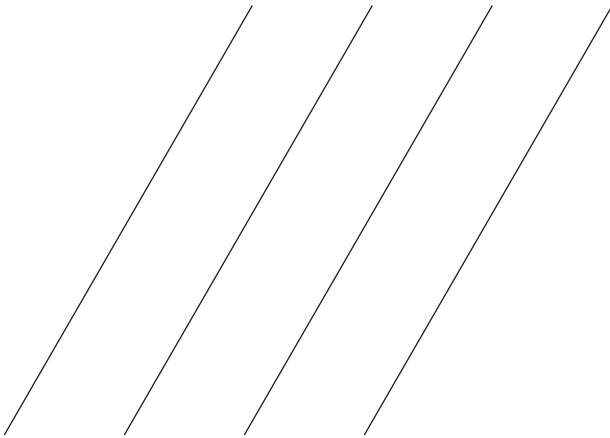


DISCERNING GOD'S GUIDANCE



Four Scriptural
Structures
of Authority



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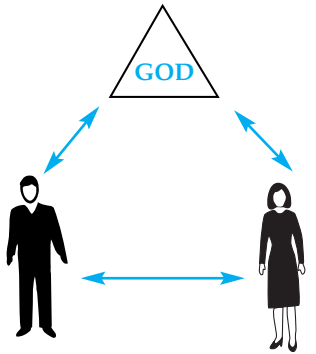


**POTENTIAL
MARRIAGE PARTNER**

HOW GOD USES AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP CHARACTER

Note: This diagram is based on this Scripture: *“The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will”* (Proverbs 21:1). It is drawn from the perspective of the teenager who thinks his parents are putting pressure on him, when it is actually God working through them to build character in his life.

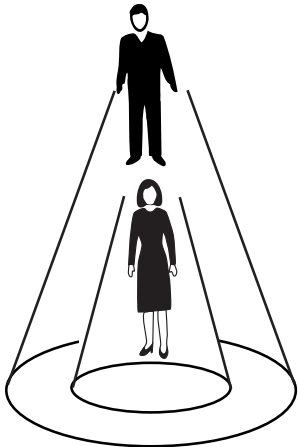
FOUR REQUIRED ATTITUDES—I PETER 3:1–6



RELATIONSHIP
to God
and to each other
(Ephesians 5:21)



CHRIST



RESPONSIBILITY
under God
(I Corinthians 11:3)

HUSBAND:

1. Priest
2. Protector
3. Provider

1. _____

Definition: _____

Key: _____

Examples: _____

Hebrews 5:8

2. _____

Unhappiness is _____

Key: _____

Psalm 62:5

Example: _____

3. _____

Definition: _____

Mark 10:44

Key: _____

Example: _____

Submission is _____

4. _____

Definition: _____

Key: _____

Example: _____

Warning: _____

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Proverbs 14:1

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Matthew 6:24

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HOW TO CONQUER FEAR AND WORRY

The opposite of having a meek and quiet spirit is giving way to fear and worry. Fear is not of God, nor has He given us the spirit of fear. (See II Timothy 1:7.) Therefore, fear is from our adversary, the devil, who “. . . as a **roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world” (I Peter 5:8–9).

A roaring lion frequently frightens unsuspecting prey toward hidden members of the pride that lie concealed in tall grass, downwind of the obvious threat. As prey flee in the opposite direction of the perceived danger, they run right into the waiting mouths of the real enemy. The hidden lionesses need only spring from their cover to attack at very short range. When it comes to hungry lions, prey animals might do better running toward the known enemy rather than fleeing in fear.

FEAR

**Worst?
(Immediate
Consequences)**

Benefits?



WORRY

List Wife's Worries

List Husband's Responsibilities

Basic Commitment:

“Father, I do now purpose to learn more about the meekness of Christ by developing a reverent spirit, a grateful spirit, a servant’s spirit, and a quiet spirit. As a first step toward this goal, I do give You all my expectations. Amen.”