



## I Wonder... Why Does God Want Me To Respect My Teacher and Why Do I Need School?

**Read** the Bible passages aloud. Then, answer the questions together. Be sure everyone has a chance to speak.

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

[Romans 13:1, NLT](#)

Oh, why didn't I listen to my teachers? Why didn't I pay attention to my instructors? I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace."

[Proverbs 5:13-14, NLT](#)

Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful.

[Proverbs 16:20, NLT](#)

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

[James 4:14-15, NLT](#)





***To Discuss:***

- Why should we submit to authority?
- What is the consequence of not following instructions?
- Is there a time when you didn't listen to instructions and got in trouble?
- What is the benefit of listening to instructions?
- When is a time things went well because you followed instructions?
- What is the result of trusting in God?
- Do we know what will happen tomorrow?
- Why is it important to recognize that it is God who allows us to do things?
- How can we respect teachers and other people in authority?
- Is respect the same as agreeing?
- How can we respect those in authority and how does this show our respect to God?