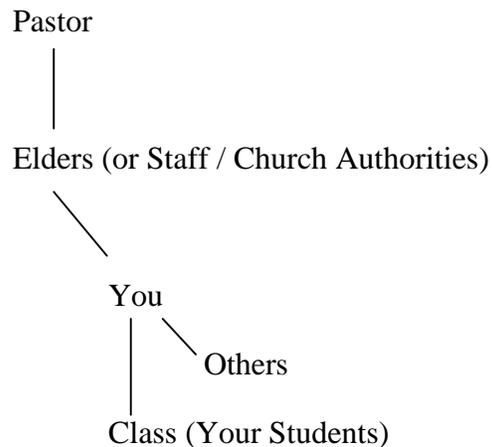


Let All Things Be Done... In an Orderly Way

1 Corinthians 14:33 tells us: *For God is not a God of disorder but of peace —as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.* And again in verse 40 it says: *But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.*

In every church (or congregation) things need to be done in a fitting and orderly way. There is usually already a hierarchy of responsibility and authority set up.

As a TEACHER, this usually looks something like this, for you:



As you can see, this sort of puts you in the middle... Which is not a bad place to be... You just need to KNOW that you are in the middle, to start with... So that it won't come as a surprise to you later on! ☺

You have AUTHORITY over some things, and there are those who have authority over you.

You are RESPONSIBLE for some things, and there are those who are responsible for you.

If you are an ADMINISTRATOR (a Sunday School Superintendant or Coordinator) then you may have authority over many teachers, but you are still responsible to those who are in authority over you. AND you are also responsible for the teachers who are under your authority.

When you are an administrator, you are REALLY in the middle! ☺

These are good things to know when you get started teaching. It helps to know that you are not alone. There is always someone over you that you can go to if you have a problem or a concern.

It is also good to know that you have some authority in your classroom. This helps you be able to get things done.

You may be in authority over your students, but this is a BIG responsibility as well. NEVER misuse your authority over your students. You must always keep their best interests at heart.