



# BY WHAT Luke 20:1-8 AUTHORITY

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## Establishing Authority



# FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

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The New Testament is God's Sole  
Medium of Communication

- ❖ We cannot know without God's revelation –  
*1 Corinthians 2:9-13*
- ❖ It is complete – *2 Timothy 3:16*
- ❖ What is revealed is revealed for a purpose –  
*Deuteronomy 29:29*

The New Testament is a Binding Pattern  
(*2 Timothy 1:13*)

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- ❖ Direct Statement/Command – when something is made a requisite or prohibited by being expressly stated or commanded.  
(cf. *Matthew 28:18-20*)
- ❖ Approved Example – the practice of the church and Christians in the New Testament under Divine guidance through the apostolic teaching. (cf. *Acts 14:23*)
- ❖ Necessary Inference – that which is neither expressly stated nor commanded yet is necessarily implied by the text.  
(cf. *Matthew 19:9*)

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## Example: Lord's Supper

- ❖ Direct Statement/Command – memorial observance – *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
- ❖ Approved Example – time – *Acts 20:7*
- ❖ Necessary Inference – time frequency – *Acts 20:7*

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## Inspired Hermeneutic

❖ Jesus:

❖ Direct Statement/Command –

*Matthew 15:3; 22:36-40*

❖ Approved Example – *Matthew 12:5*

❖ Necessary Inference – *Luke 20:37-38*

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## Inspired Hermeneutic

❖ Jesus:

❖ Hebrew Writer:

❖ Direct Statement/Command –

Hebrews 10:36-39 (cf. Habakkuk 2:3-4)

❖ Approved Example – Hebrews 3:6-19  
(cf. Psalm 95:7-11)

❖ Necessary Inference – Hebrews 8:6-13  
(cf. Jeremiah 31:31-34)

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## Jerusalem Counsel – Conflict Over Circumcision

❖ NOTE: *Galatians 2:1-10*

❖ *Acts 15*

❖ Peter – (*vv. 7-11*) – Used Necessary Inference

❖ Paul and Barnabas – (*v. 12*) – Used Approved Example

❖ James – (*vv. 13-20*) – Used Direct Statement



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## Miscellaneous Practices

### ❖ Direct Statement/Command:

❖ Contribution – 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

❖ Singing – Colossians 3:16;  
Ephesians 5:18-19

❖ Church Discipline (withdrawing  
fellowship) – 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14

❖ Bearing Each Other's Burdens –  
Galatians 6:1-2

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## Miscellaneous Practices

❖ *Direct Statement/Command:*

❖ *Approved Example:*

❖ *Elders in every church – Acts 14:23;  
Titus 1:5 (“every city?”)*

❖ *Supporting a gospel preacher –  
Philippians 4:14-18*

❖ *Benevolence from one church to another  
– Acts 11:29-30; Romans 15:25-26*

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## Miscellaneous Practices

- ❖ Direct Statement/Command:
- ❖ Approved Example:
- ❖ Necessary Inference:
  - ❖ Church discipline extends beyond the local assembly – 1 Corinthians 5:11 (cf. 11:22, 34)
  - ❖ Only one exception for divorce – Matthew 19:9
  - ❖ Frequency of Lord's Supper – Acts 20:7

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