

### Review: Sin Does Not Increase Grace, Rom 6:12-18; Choosing Whom You Will Serve: the Sin Nature or God

31. Being a “bondservant of righteousness” requires the believer to willingly subordinate himself to divine policy which is one of two options available to him, the other being a “bondservant of the sin nature” which requires subordination to the trends, lust patterns, and mind-set of cosmic living.
32. At any given moment, the believer is subordinating himself to one or the other. This is reflected by the instability of believers toward various categories of authority in life.
33. When filled with the Holy Spirit and subordinate to divine policy, a person will willingly comply with the directions of duly appointed human authority, but when out of fellowship and subordinate to the sinful nature’s control of the soul, he will reject the directions of duly appointed human authority.
34. Some examples: (1) When in fellowship and subordinate to divine policy, a woman will willingly comply with the decisions of her husband, children will willingly obey their parents, the young will willingly show deference to the elderly, employees will willingly follow company policy and management’s directives, citizens will willingly obey the law, and sheep will willingly comply with the policies of the local church.
35. Such compliance is the expression of *hupotassō* to life, however, this expression is dependent upon possessing a mind-set of subordination to divine policy in the *kardia* of the soul.