

Spirit-Filled Leader: Why We Must Be Careful Not to Dishonor Authority

Putty Putman, overseer of the School of Kingdom Ministry and a leader at the Vineyard Church of Central Illinois, says we must honor our leaders as a way of honoring God's ultimate authority.

In a video, Putman says, "We cannot dishonor leadership without dishonoring the fact that God is the ultimate leader. You can't divide those apart. Once you begin to say, I'm against leadership, in some way you're positioning yourself against authority as a whole and ultimately against God's authority."

He notes that this does not mean, however, that all authority and leadership is perfect—simply that we must show the God-given honor they deserve.

"Not every person in leadership is in alignment with God's will," Putman says. "And do we pray for them? Absolutely. And do we, when necessary, stand for justice? Yes, we do. I'm not saying that we don't pursue the Lord's end. Absolutely we do that. But as we do that, it's very important that we recognize that God created authority and I'm not going to dishonor that reality."

Watch it here.