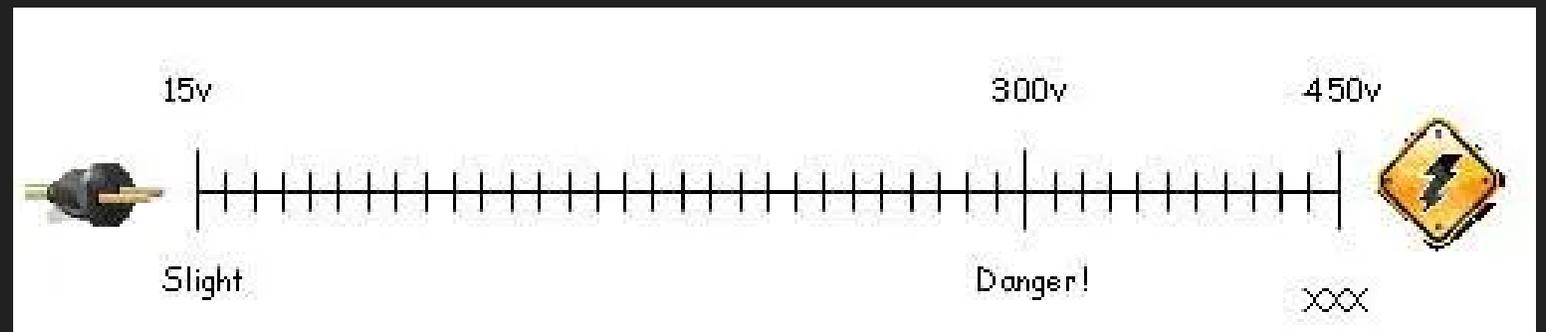
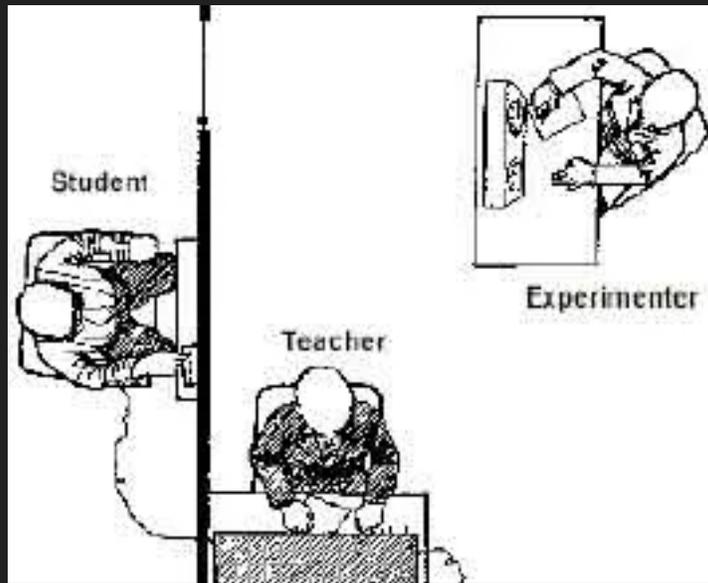
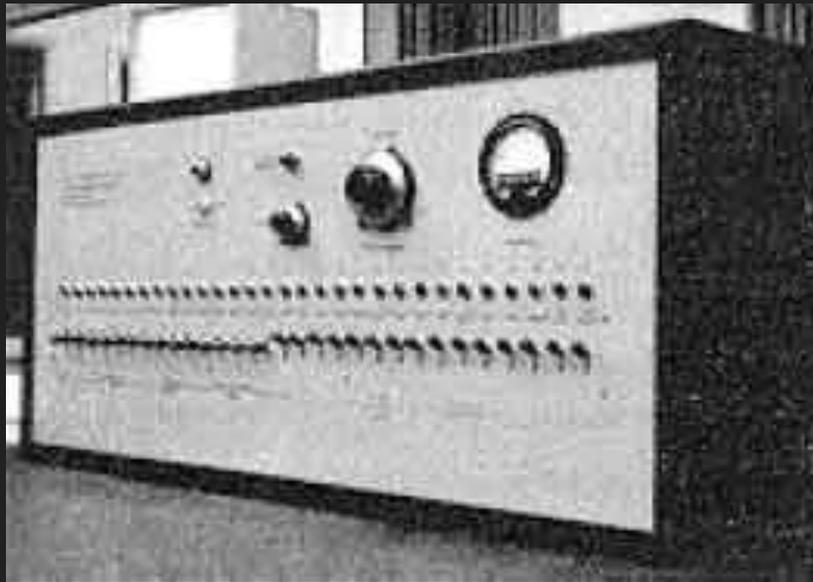




God and Government

Chains of Command



'The legal and philosophic aspects of obedience are of enormous import, but they say very little about how most people behave in concrete situations.

I set up a simple experiment at Yale University to test how much pain an ordinary citizen would inflict on another person simply because he was ordered to by an experimental scientist.

Stark authority was pitted against the subjects' [participants'] strongest moral imperatives against hurting others, and, with the subjects' [participants'] ears ringing with the screams of the victims, authority won more often than not.

The extreme willingness of adults to go to almost any lengths on the command of an authority constitutes the chief finding of the study and the fact most urgently demanding explanation.

-*"The Perils of Obedience"* (Milgram

1974)

- The Holocaust; 5-6 million deaths
 - ($\frac{2}{3}$ of all European Jews)
- Holodomor; 2.7 - 7.8 million deaths
- Cambodian Genocide; 1.3-3 million deaths
- Armenian Genocide; 600,000 - 1.3 million deaths



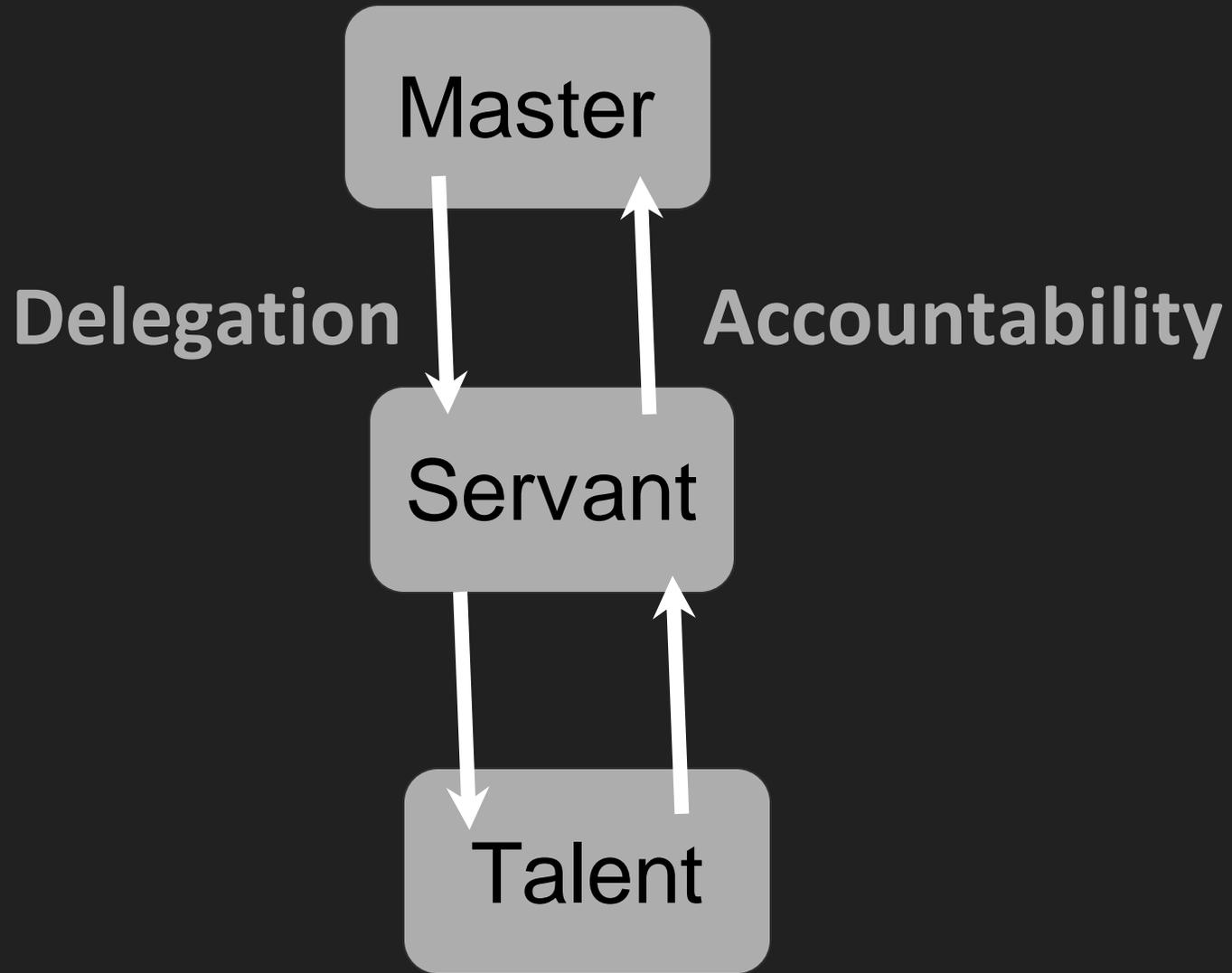
Submit ≠ Obey

- **Hupotasso - Submission (Heart attitude)**
 - Luke 2:51, Luke 10:17, 1 Cor 15:27
- **Hupakouo - Obey (Active practice)**
 - Matt 8:27, Rom 6:17, Eph 6:1

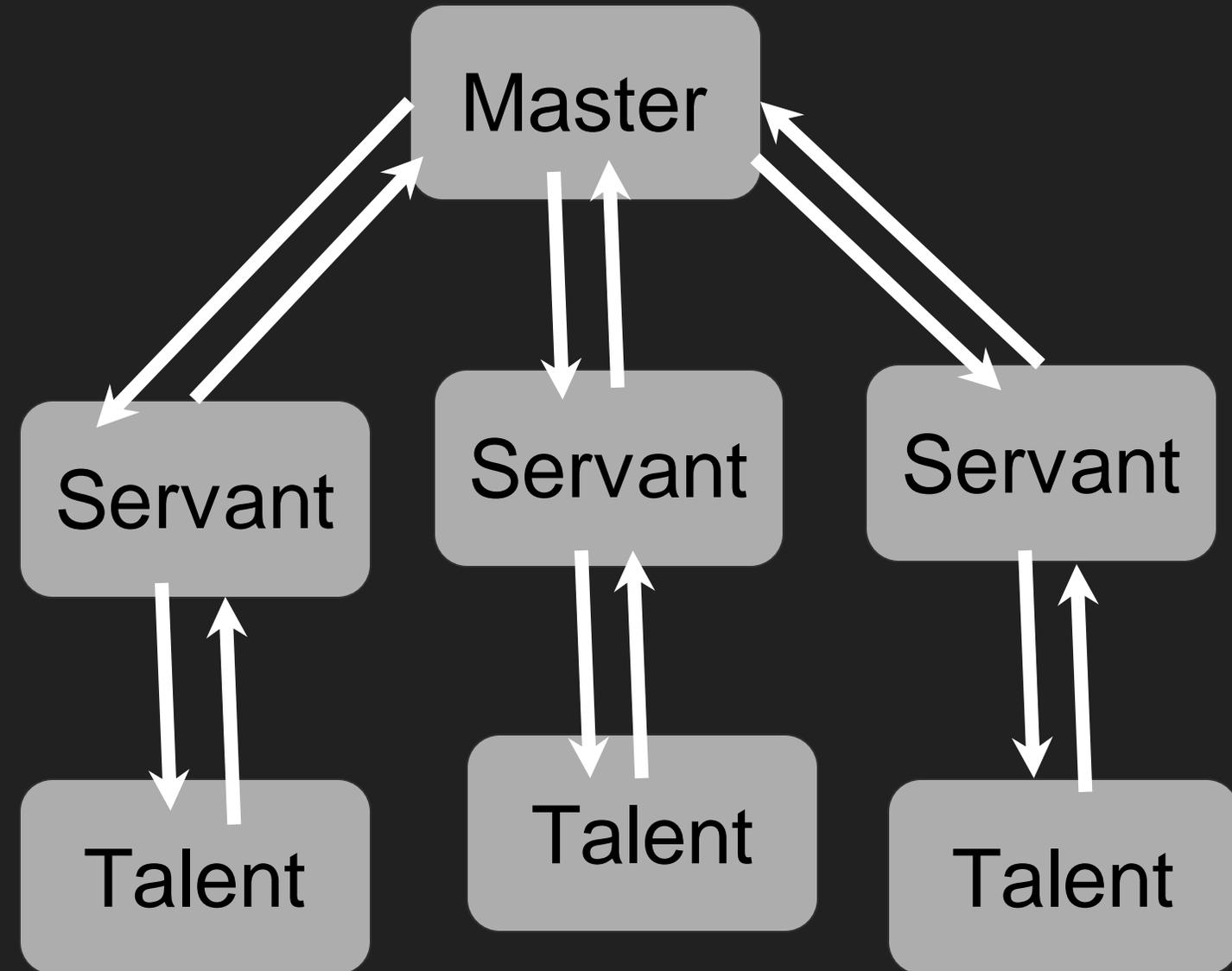
The delegation of authority

- All true authority is delegated by God (Romans 13:1)
- Delegating authority does not remove it from its source. (Daniel 4:17)
- Delegation is biblical, ceding authority is not. (1 Tim 5:8)
- Violating or “stealing” authority is not authority at all, it is fraud. (Acts 5:29)
- Genuine authorities in one sphere can usurp authority from others in a different sphere.
- God has not delegated his power of moral definition. (Rom 12:2)

Matt 25:27



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Stolen Authority

- Commands issued under a violative or “stolen” authority do not have any moral weight behind them. (Acts 5:29)
- If a genuine authority is wielding stolen authority they are to be *submitted* to but not necessarily *obeyed*. (Acts 5:40, 42)
- Wisdom and submission to God’s kingdom may require obedience or confrontation. (Acts 16:16-40)

Person

- Body - 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- Words - Matt. 12:36
- Action - Rev 20:12
- Property - Acts 5:4
 - *(Note Mark 12:17)*

God

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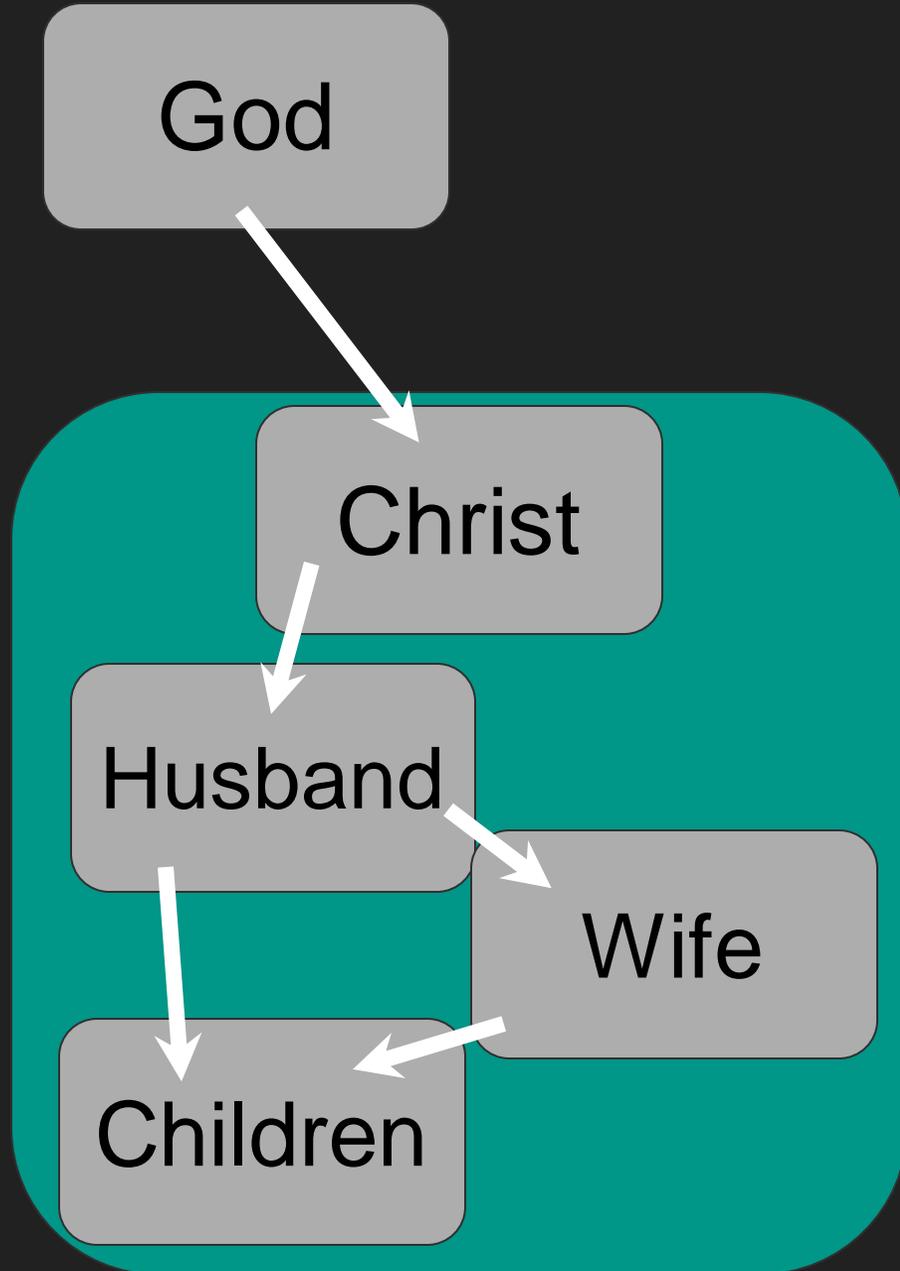
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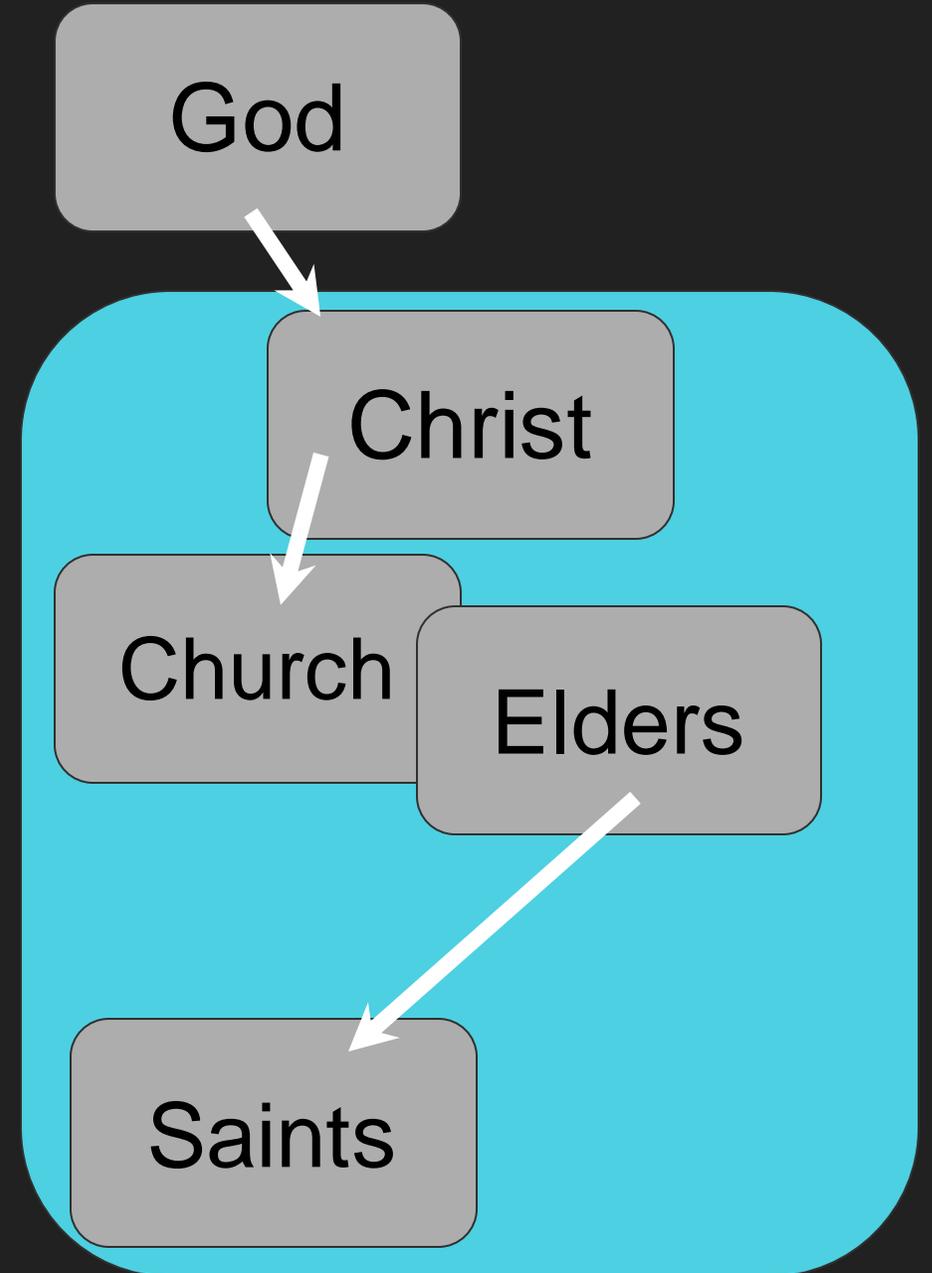
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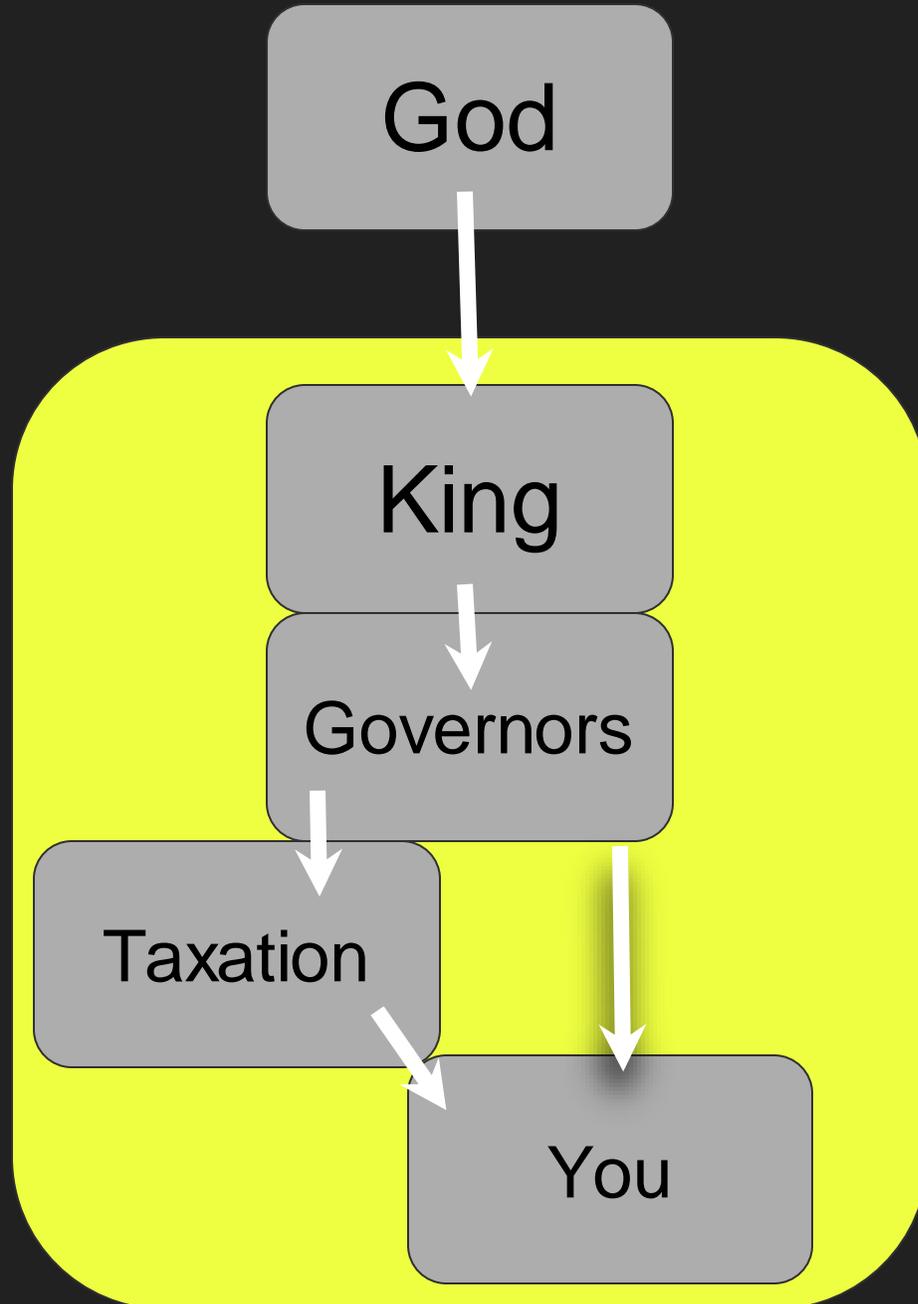


- Family - Matt. 19:5,
- Christ, Husband and Wife - 1 Cor. 11:3
- Children - Eph. 6:4

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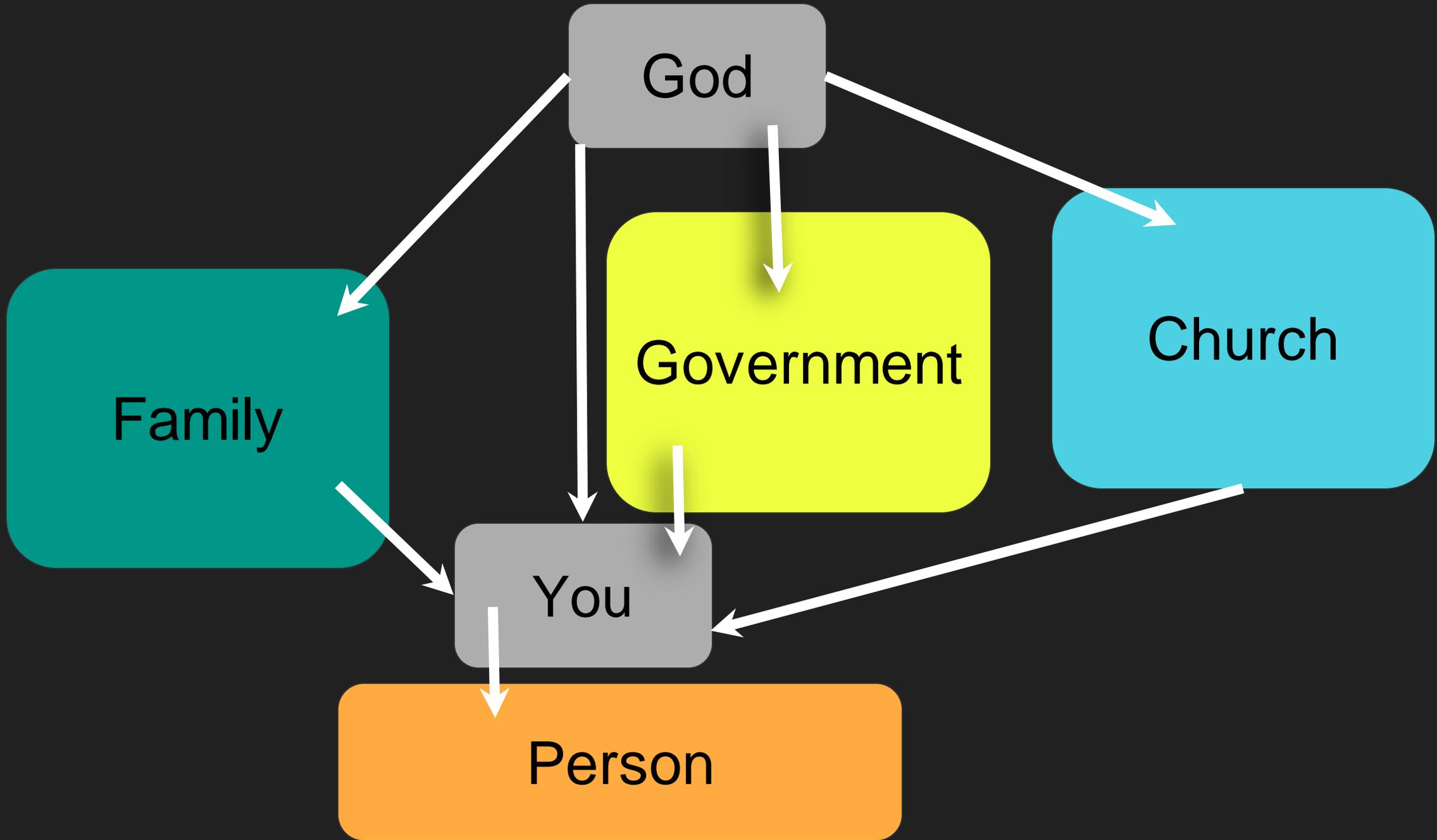
- Christ - Col 1:18,
- Elders - 1 Pet. 5:1-4
- Saints - Heb 13:17



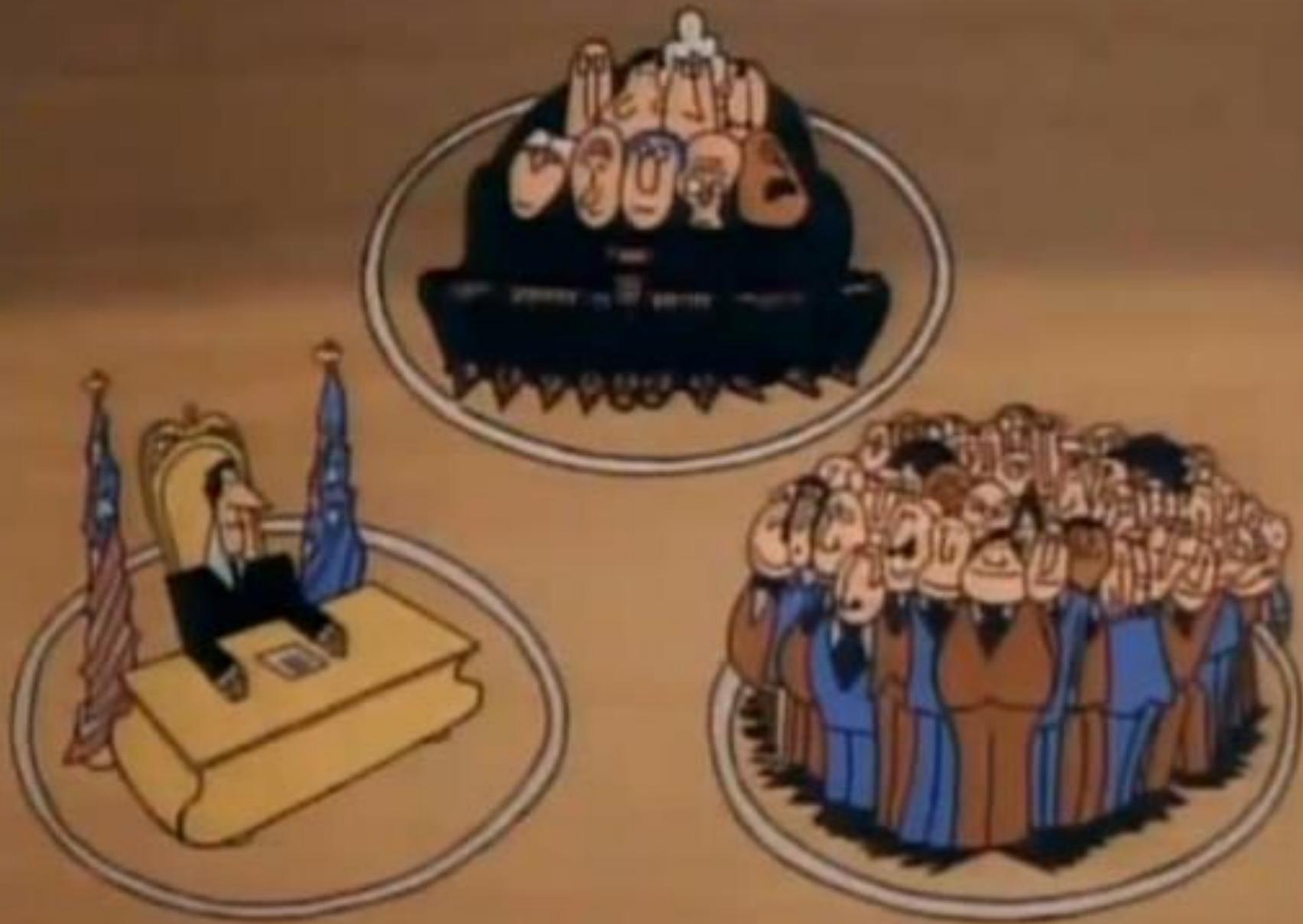


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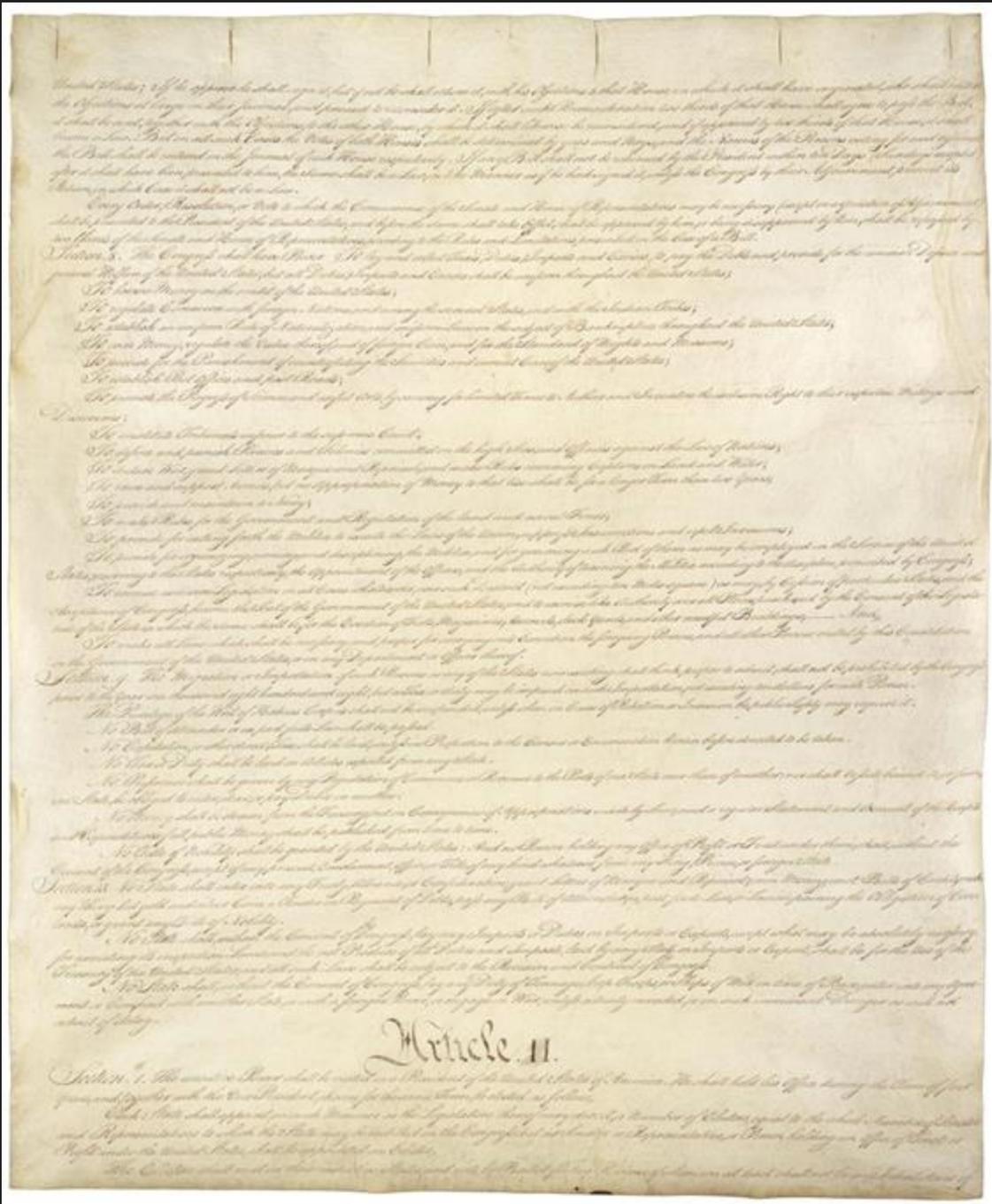
- God - Daniel 4:17
- Government - Rom 13:1
- Governors - 1 Pet 2:14
- For your good - Rom 13:4
- Taxation - Rom 13:6-7







U.S. Civics 101



- All Federal authority stems from the U.S. Constitution.
- All State and lower authority is subject to their own constitution.
- The bill of rights lists authorities that are explicitly forbidden to the U.S. government

3 “test cases”



CALIFORNIA

Student COVID vaccinations: California becomes first state to require them for kids 12 and up

Gov. Gavin Newsom added COVID-19 to the list of diseases students must get a vaccination for to attend school.

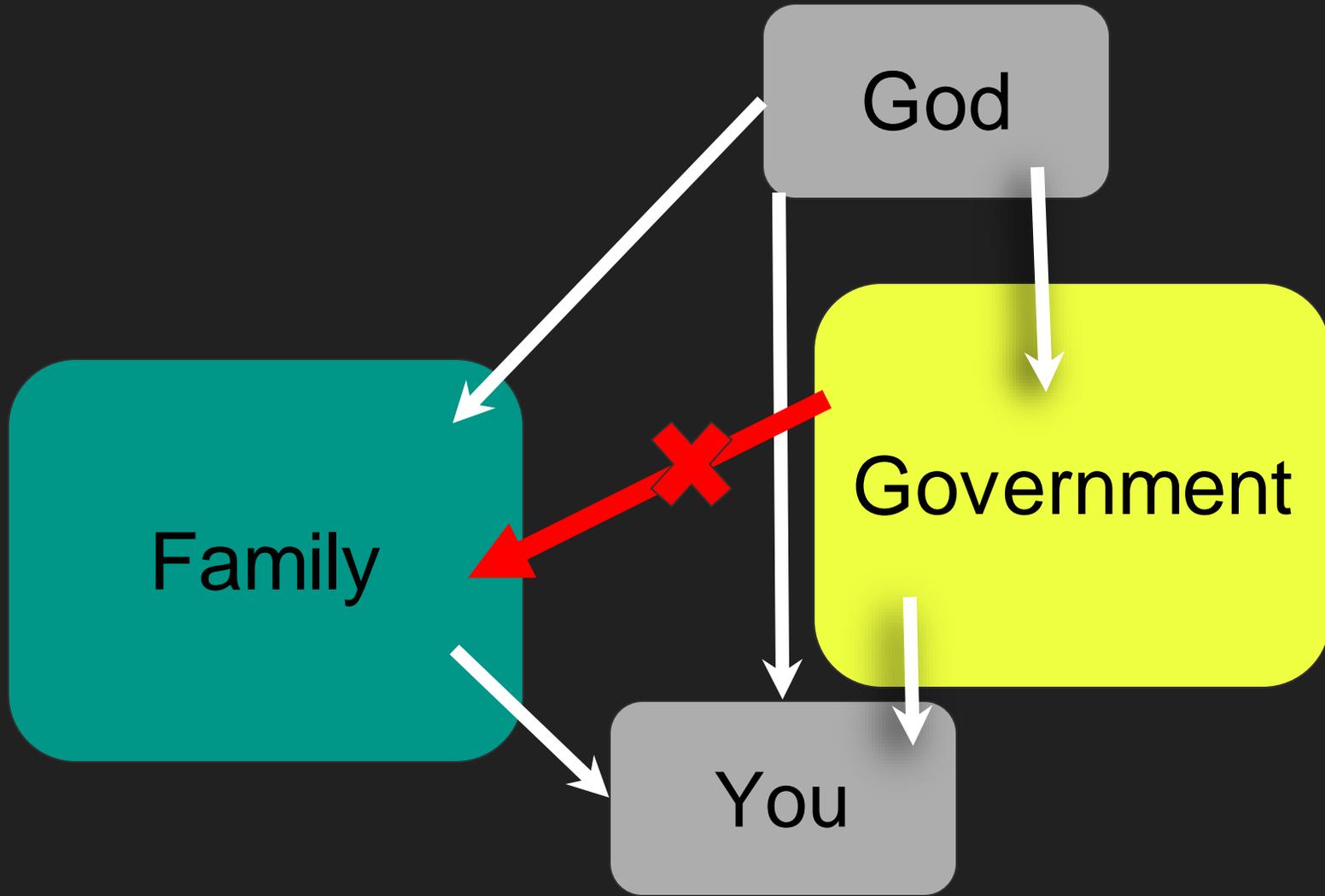
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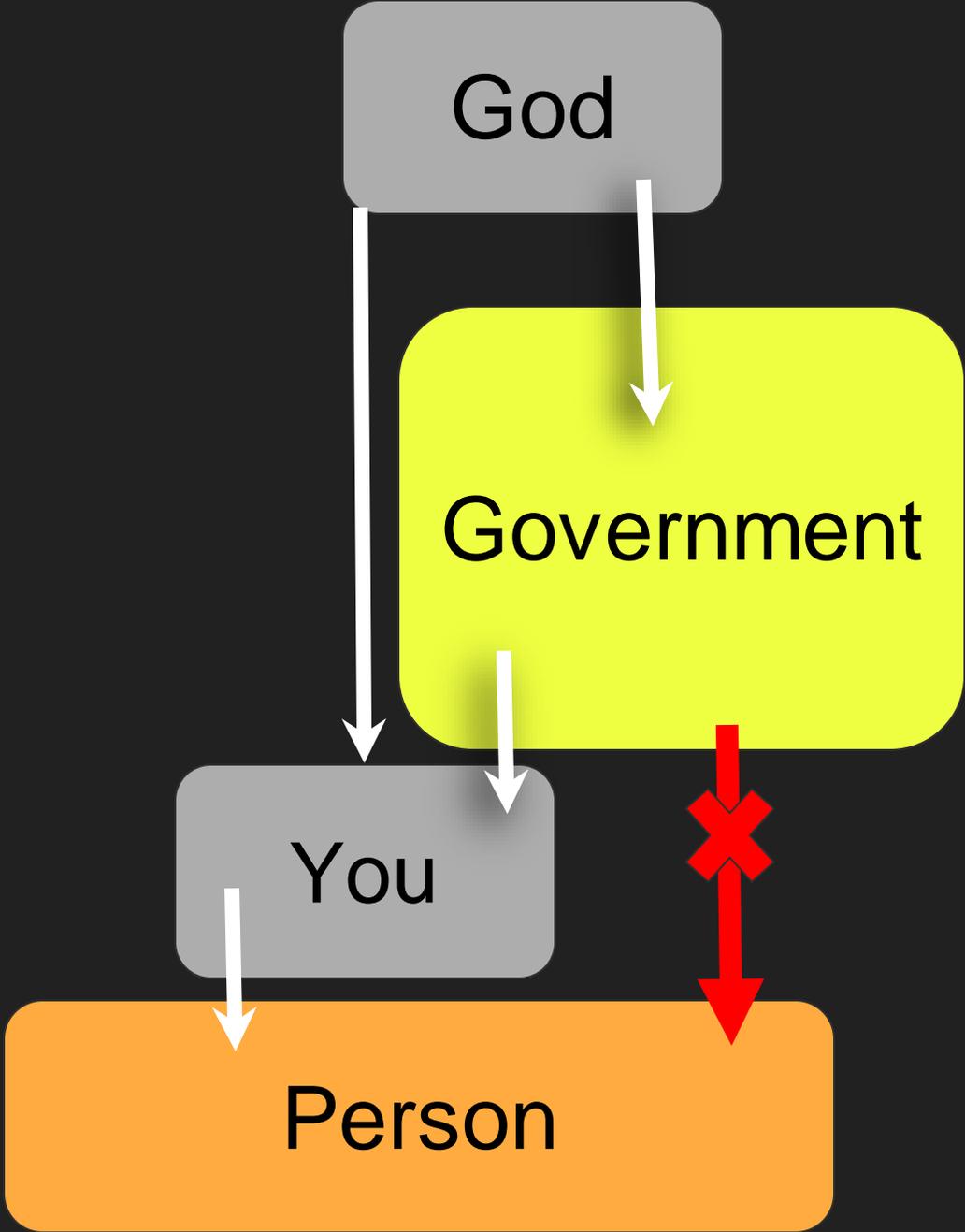


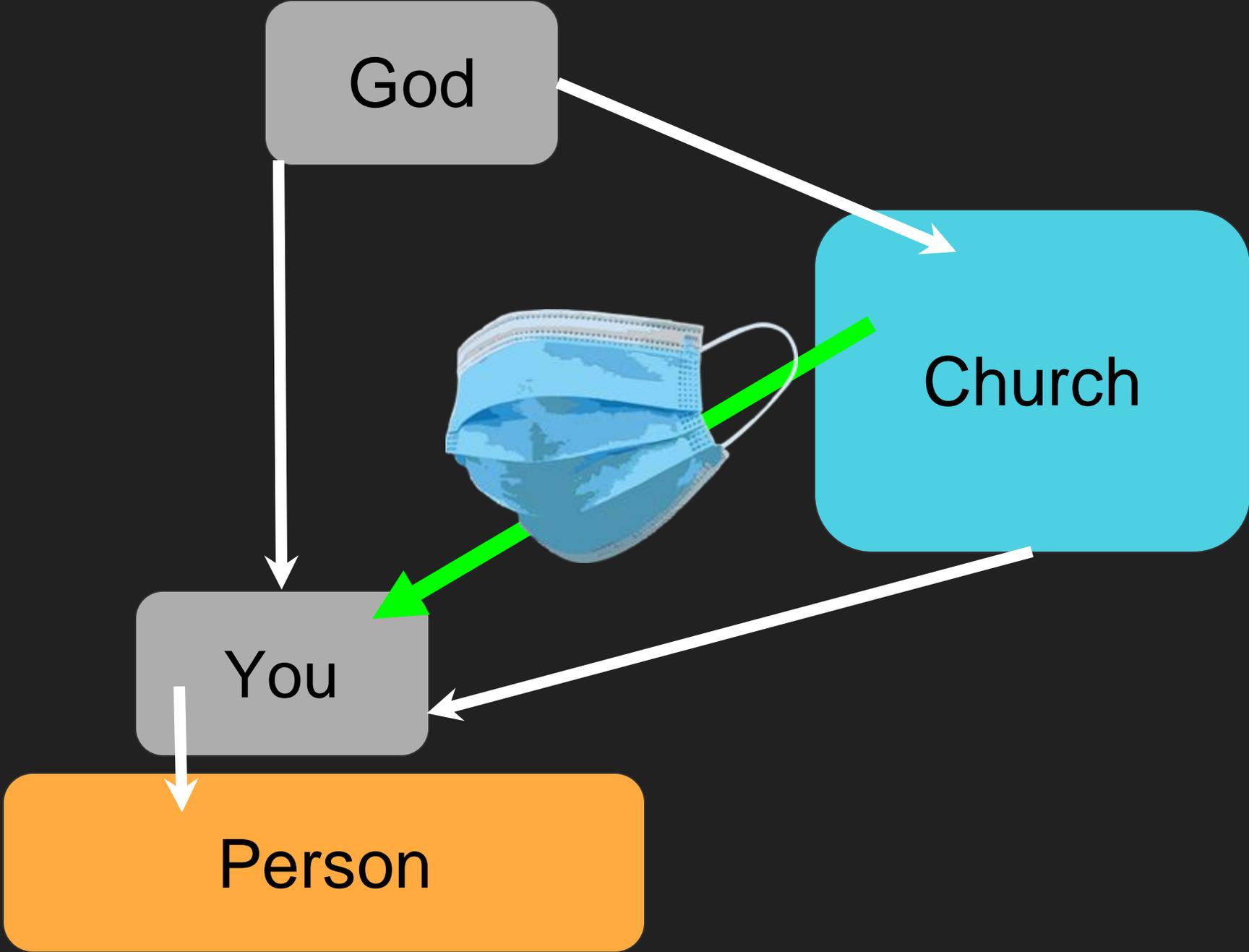


Biden Mandates Vaccines for Workers, Saying, 'Our Patience Is Wearing Thin'

Initially reluctant to enact mandates, the president is now moving aggressively to require vaccination as the Delta variant races across the country.







We exhort you to unity

Eph 4:3

“Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Psalm 133

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity!”