

Myth10: The Church is a Democracy

Luke 22:24-27. A dispute arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles **lord it over** them; and those in authority over them are called **benefactors**. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? **But I am among you as one who serves.**

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Pagan Authority: Power Over

Self-Interest Vision

-> Power Over

-> Self-Benefactor

Gen. 3:16 To the woman [God] said, “...your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

Kingdom Authority: Power Under

God's Vision

→ Responsibility

→ Power Under

→ Shared Vision

→ All Benefactors

Hos. 2:16-20 On that day, says the LORD, you will call me, “My husband,” ... I will make for you a covenant ...and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will take you for my wife in faithfulness; and you shall know the LORD.

God's Leadership in Hosea

Vision (Bride)

--> **Responsibility** (“I will...”)

--> **Power Under** (his pain and persistent love)

--> **Shared Vision** (“you shall know”)

--> **All Benefactors** (“my wife in righteousness...”)

God's Leadership in Christ

Vision (of Bride)

--> **Responsibility** (on cross)

--> **Power Under** (on cross/ Holy Spirit)

--> **Shared Vision** (of God,
ourselves, world)

--> **All Benefactors** (heaven)

1Cor. 1:18 ... the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved *it is the power of God.*

2Cor. 4:6. For it is the God ... has shone in our hearts... the light of the knowledge of *the glory of God* in the face of Jesus Christ.

Eph. 5:21, 25-26. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy...