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THE FAMILY'S DELEGATION TO RULE

"Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground. So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." *Genesis* 1:26-28

What we see in *Genesis 1:26-28* is God delegating to mankind the full responsibility for managing His earthly creation. God decides to indirectly control the affairs of earth by letting mankind exercise direct dominion. He has placed us as His agents on earth to serve as His representatives to carry out His desires in history.

Along with the delegated authority to rule under Him, God also grants to us the freedom, responsibility, and right to rule on His behalf as owner. But God does not force man to rule. He says, "Let them rule." He does not say He is going to make them rule. What that means is that you can have a happy family or a miserable family, depending on whether you are exercising your rule in reflection of God's image. God isn't going to make you have a productive, fulfilling home. He sets up the fundamentals of the family, and gives you the option of using them. AMEN.

Dr. Tony Evans

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18-20

