

Spiritual Authority

God has given you limited power to overcome all the power of the enemy in the earth. This power is not meant to be flaunted before the world or in the Church. Neither is it meant to be exercised in a fashion that does not consider and respect the authority the devil has. The devil is a worthy adversary, he is wise and cunning and we must be certain that we do not fall into a trap where we take for granted this authority, not considering these things.

However, you do have authority over all the power of the devil and as a Believer you must be quick to walk in that power and bold to exercise it in the earth. God gave you authority in the Spirit realm and that authority that when exercised properly has the ability to affect change in the natural realm. This means that through faith and patience, you have the ability to walk powerfully in two realms at the same time.

1. The earth is set up where everyone is accountable to some type of authority. Where there is no authority there is chaos and confusion and evil has the tendency to run rampant. The same is true in the Kingdom of God as God is the Ultimate Authority. Why do you think there is authority in God's Kingdom?
2. There are authority figures all around us. Name some that you respect and why you respect them. (b) What are some figures of authority in the Church?
3. Look up the word authority and give your best definition of it. (b) What do you feel it means to have this type of authority in the "spirit realm?"
4. Read the following scriptures and give your interpretation for each one, using definitions where you feel greater clarity is needed.
 - a. Matthew 8:5 – 10; Luke 7:6 - 9
 - b. Genesis 1:26 – 28
 - c. Genesis 3:1 – 19; [In Genesis 3:15, who or what does this reference?]
 - d. Matthew 28:18 -20; Mark 16:14 – 18; Luke 9:1, 2
 - e. Second Corinthians 10:1 – 8
 - f. Ephesians 6:10 – 19

- g. Zechariah 4:6 – 10
- h. Matthew 20:20 – 28
- i. Mark 1:21 – 28; Luke 4:36
- j. First Peter 3:18 – 22

5. Now that you have a better understanding of your authority, what situation do you have to take spiritual authority over? (b) How do you plan on doing it?