

Authorized! 2.0

Last week, I gave you 9 principals about the believer's authority:

1. In the great commission Jesus said, I possess all authority in heaven and earth.
2. Jesus isn't just sitting in heaven waiting for our arrival. He intercedes for us!
3. Jesus has freed us from the domination of sin in our lives.
4. Because of the Holy Spirit operating in us, the same power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us
5. Jesus gave the 70 power to go out in His name.
6. There is already an agreement between heaven and earth.
7. This is not carnal authority, but the authority that God has given into our lives through Jesus Christ.
8. Having authority and using authority are two separate things!
9. Acting like you have authority and really possessing authority are two different things!

I. Authority and Power comes from connection with the source!

1. Jesus said... "All authority has been given to me!"

Matthew 28:18-19 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2. If you will receive it, the power is available!

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

3. We must abide (live, dwell) in the Vine to produce anything good!

John 15:4-5 - Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

World = The system of thought or the mindset under the control and influence of the devil that results in sin being manifested in one's life.

God - "If some people would be as faithful to Me as they are to their sin, they would be Kingdom power houses!"

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II. Authority and power is NEVER given to us for self gratitude, but ALWAYS to glorify Christ!

Matthew 6:13 (KJV) - for thine is the kingdom, power and glory forever, Amen.

2 Corinthians 4:7-so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.

1. God doesn't delegate authority to bring us glory, but that we might be used to bring Him glory!

Acts 12:21-23 - On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

2. Anything we do must be for God's glory!

III. Authority and power comes from another world (Heaven)!

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

KJV – “Not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”

1. We cannot do anything in God's kingdom realm of ourselves!

Ephesians 1:18-23 - I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

2. He has placed His Church as the over-seers of His Kingdom!

Luke 10:19 - that we have been given authority over all the power of the enemy nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Webster's definition of the word, "ambassador" is

1. An official envoy; especially: a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government or sovereign as the resident representative of his own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment.
2. An authorized representative or messenger.

Eph. 6:19-20

19. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

20. for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

2 Cor. 5:19 - For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

4. Heavenly Authority Overcomes this World (cosmos)!

John 16:33 - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

1 John 4:4— You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.