

Your Godly Authority

You may not even realise you have Godly Authority and the enemy of your soul (satan and his minions) likes it this way; so he can continue to defeat you. The enemy likes everything to be in the dark, hidden and in secret. He wants people to be oblivious so he can prowl around like a lion waiting to devour those who are unaware of his schemes and tactics.

The church (that's you and me!) need to rise up and exercise our Godly Authority so we can walk in the freedom that Jesus Christ purchased for us on the cross. Jesus' earthly mission was to take back dominion and authority that satan stole through Adam's disobedience in the Garden of Eden. The enemy has no authority since the cross! It has been taken from him - it belongs to you and me, yet he still deceives, manipulates and confuses people so they yield their God given authority to him. Why? Because people don't know who they are in Jesus or what Jesus did for them on the cross!

Jesus defeated our enemy (completely and utterly!) and said 'it is finished' and it was! He secured our authority by dying a horrible death and paying the full penalty of our sin. He triumphed on the cross and rising again we rose with Him as new creations (**2 Corinthians 5:17.**) We are seated with Jesus Christ in heavenly Places (**Ephesians 2:6.**) How awesome is Jesus!

***Luke 10:19 'Listen carefully: I have given you authority [that you now possess] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and [the ability to exercise authority] over all the power of the enemy (Satan); and nothing will [in any way] harm you.'* (AMP version)**

Jesus gave authority and power to those who would believe! That's to you and me - The church! He gave us authority to tread on serpents and scorpions! Jesus had complete victory over the enemy and we operate from that victory of the cross!

Authority is delegated power - its power delegated to us through Jesus Christ. (All about Him not us!)

We know that police officers and other government officials carry authority but it's not because of who they are but what they represent.

We represent Jesus Christ and we stand in that which He accomplished for us.

Colossians 2:15 'Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.'

The enemy plays dirty, he has plans to harass, torment and make our lives a complete misery if we let him. His mission statement is '***kill, steal and destroy***' ***John 10:10***.

Yet you have authority in Jesus Christ to overcome all the enemy schemes and put an end to his games, to cancel his assignments and break his plans. Because the Blood of Jesus has paid the full price!

When I'm ministering healing and deliverance I am not there with my own authority but in the authority of Jesus Christ - it's His name, His death, His blood that I call upon. I am just a vessel he uses.

I also need to use that authority in my tone of voice so that the enemy knows I mean business! It's not about volume or being loud - it's having an authoritative tone!

When you are dealing with Deliverance, Intercession or even Spiritual Warfare you can't be passive nor wishy washy! If you know an area in your life is under oppression by the enemy then you need to rise up and come against the enemy and take back that which he is oppressing. It's time to take back your promised land!

Having righteous anger is very appropriate when confronting the plans of the enemy and as a must is Holy Boldness and confidence in Jesus Christ.

If we have been in sin then we need to you come before the Lord with clean hands and a pure heart (***Psalms 24***.) You may need to repent and renounce if an area in your life is oppressed through sin or if the enemy has a legal right to be there. Please see the post/handout on self-deliverance for more information.

The Lord always forgives and never condemns - that is the work of the enemy and you should rebuke him if he plays those games, he is an accuser whereas the Holy Spirit will gently convict of an area of sin. The bible tells us on ***Romans 8:1 there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus***.

Scriptures to Meditate on

Luke 10:19 - 20 "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you, however do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven"

Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons: they will speak in new tongue, they will pick up snakes with their hands: and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all: they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well"

Luke 9:1 "When Jesus called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick"

Matthew 10:7-8 "As you go, preach this message: "The Kingdom of Heaven is near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give"

Matthew 12:28 -29 "But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you: Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house"

Matthew 28:28 -30 "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, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age"