

Authority Handout

Two Important Things: Humility and Obedience

Spiritual authority is rooted in identity; expanded in intimacy and activated in faith. Spiritual Authority by Dr. Rob Reimer

How did Jesus exercise His authority? Some examples:

- Love God and love others. We must be motivated by love.
- I only do what I see the Father doing. Look to Holy Spirit
- I only say what I hear the Father saying. Listen to Holy Spirit
- The Son of Man came to serve, not be served. Be humble
- Whoever would be first shall be last. Don't think more of ourselves than we ought.
- If you do it to the least of these, you've done it unto me. Do as unto the Lord.

7 Words in the New Testament Translated Authority:

Strong's 1849 Exousia (ex-oo-see'-ah) Ability; privilege; force, capacity, competency, freedom, or mastery, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

Strong's 2715 Katexousiazō (kat-ez-oo-see-ad'-zo) to have (wield) full privilege over; exercise authority.

Mark 10:42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desire to become great among you shall be your servant and whoever of you desire to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Strong's 1850 exousiazō (ex-oo-see-ad'-zo) to control – exercise authority upon, bring under the power of

Luke 22:25 (Similar to Mark 10:42)

Strong's 1413 dunastes (doo-nas'-tace) a ruler or officer; of great authority mighty, potentate.

Acts 8:27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury and had come to Jerusalem to worship was returning.

Strong's 5247 huperoche (hoop-er-okh-ay') prominence; superiority in rank or character; authority, excellency.

1 Tim. 2:2 ...pray for "kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

Strong's 831 authenteo (ow-then-the'-o) to act of oneself; i.e. dominate: usurp authority over. Only used one time.

1 Tim. 2:12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man but to be in silence.

Ephesians 5:21-33 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

1. 3 times in this passage Paul tells husband to love their wives as Christ loves the church and as they love themselves. No lording over.
2. Submit to one another.
3. Fathers don't provoke your children to wrath. We do not have permission to treat our children rudely and disrespectfully. We do not have permission to abuse our children with our words or our actions. The role of parenting is to provide loving protection and instruction in the way they should go.

Be unified in purpose and will.

Strong's 2003 epitage ep-ee-tag-ay' An injunction or decree; by implication authoritative-ness. Authority, commandment.

Titus 2:1 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Luke 9:1

Luke 10:19

Luke 19:13-27

Luke 12:32

Matt. 8:5-13

Mark 1:21

Ephes. 6:12

Matt. 12:29

Matt 16:19 Amp.

Matt. 28:18, 19

Mark 16:15-18

John 14:12-14

James 5:14

Colossians 2:9-15

Spiritual Authority by Watchman Nee:

1. All authority is God's - Romans 13:1 We move in delegated authority and should never assume that the authority is ours. Obedience is the most important thing and our rebellion must be dealt with.
2. We must deny ourselves. Balaam in Numbers 2 got his foot crushed and in that he learned to walk carefully and slowly. We must be delivered from ourselves and learn not to express our own views nor itch to interfere with other's lives.
3. We must stay in fellowship with the Lord. This involves communication and communion. Those who are near to God have a godly fear and know it's dangerous to carelessly express their own opinions. They know how defiling it is to speak their own opinions carelessly. Those who wait on the Lord possess this virtue. **John 5:19, 30** Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you that the Son can do nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. **30** I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.
4. Authority is established by God so don't insist that others listen to you. We should never say one word about our own authority or try to establish authority ourselves
5. Nor should we justify ourselves in the face of criticism or slander. Remember the story of Miriam and Aaron when they accused Moses because he married an Ethiopian woman in Numbers 12:2 "And Jehovah heard it." Verse 3 Moses was meek. v. 4 God took action and called the three out to the tabernacle. Yikes! Moses did not strive because he realized he had erred. God cannot appoint stiff-necked or arrogant people. Those He sets up in authority are the tender and meek – with the meekness of God. Those in authority must be concerned with exhortation and restoration. Let God judge. *(To exhort/encourage has 3 basic*

meanings: 1. To summon, invite or ask 2. to encourage, to strengthen. Encouragement strengthens and calls forth renewed commitment for fresh faith and obedience. 3. It also means to comfort

6. Part of one's character is that we must be gracious to others and not complain of the responsibility born.
7. If our life bears fruit, we should fall before God and say "This is Your doing; it has nothing to do with me. This is Your glory, not mine." We will naturally be humbled before God for it is truly the treasure in the earthen vessel, demonstrating that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. It is due to God's mercy and choice.
8. God never chooses anyone to be an authority who is full of self or seeks for self-glory. Though one may be chosen to be an authority, everyone is the same before God and that is the secret of authority. One who represent God's authority must have this blessed foolishness – to have authority yet to be unconscious of being an authority. Only the obedient are fit for authority. Though David was King, he went into the tabernacle and sat on the floor before Jehovah.
9. Mark 10. James & John want to sit beside Jesus in heaven. In that account we learn that the cup was God's will and that Jesus had to be sure He was obeying God's will. Obedience is the most important thing. Then He went to the cross and died and life was released. We must have our outward man broken that the inner life may flow out.
10. Authority is not lording over but humbly serving. Those who seek to exercise authority should not be given authority but the one who senses his incompetency and unworthiness is the one to who God gives authority. God opposes the proud.
11. Never be self-conceited, but don't be disregarded either.

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