

Message Notes

Biblical Authority

Scripture Passages

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Introduction – “Red Light Special!”

Today’s Message: Spiritual Authority
What it is and What it is not!
2 Corinthians 10:7-11

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Fact #2 – We have Authority from God (2 Cor 10:8)

Fact #3 – We have shown major concern for you in our letters (2 Cor 10:9-10)

Fact #4 – We will ‘clean house’ next time we come!
(2 Cor 10:11)

Big Question: What is “spiritual authority”?

Definition: “a state of control over something, freedom of choice, right --- right to control or command, authority, absolute power, warrant

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Romans 13:1

There is authority in marriage and the home

Ephesians 5:22-25

1 Corinthians 7:4 (NASB)

Ephesians 6:1-4

There is authority in the church

2 Corinthians 10:8, (13:10)

1 Thessalonians 4:2

Titus 2:15

1 Timothy 5:17-20

James 5:14

Hebrews 13:17

Summary of Spiritual Authority

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Gospel Application – “Are you living out your authority in Jesus? Are you carrying out your spiritual authority properly? Are you living under the proper spiritual authority?”



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²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” ²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground — everything that has the breath of life in it — I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Where does authority come from?

Psalm 75:6-7

⁶No one from the east or the west
or from the desert can exalt a man.

⁷But it is God who judges:
He brings one down, he exalts another.

A look at authority in the life of Jesus

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Matthew 7:28-29

²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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Matthew 8:8-10

⁸The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, “I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

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Matthew 9:6-8

⁶But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” Then he said to the paralytic, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” ⁷And the man got up and went home. ⁸When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

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Matthew 10:1

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

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Matthew 20:25-28

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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Acts 5:29

Peter and the other apostles replied:
“We must obey God rather than men!”

The Authority of the Bible

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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1 Corinthians 6:2

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?
And if you are to judge the world, are you not
competent to judge trivial cases?

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Revelation 2:26-27

²⁶To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations — ²⁷'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery' — just as I have received authority from my Father.

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Romans 7:1

Do you not know, brothers – for I am speaking to men who know the law – that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives?

**Human Government is an
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Romans 13:1

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

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Ephesians 5:22-25

²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

There is Authority in marriage and the home

1 Corinthians 7:4 (NASB)

The wife does not have authority over her own body,
but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband
does not have authority over his own body, but the wife
does.

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Ephesians 6:1-4

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother” – which is the first commandment with a promise – ³“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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1 Thessalonians 4:2

For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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Titus 2:15

These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority.

Do not let anyone despise you.

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1 Timothy 5:17-20

¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” ¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

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James 5:14

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

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Hebrews 13:17

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

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8. This spiritual authority is always for the purpose of building up and not tearing down.

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