

"Lord, Pour Me Some Tea"

[AUTHORITY]

Luke 10:19, 20 (KJV)

*"Behold, I give unto you power [exousia *ex-oo-see-ah* = authority] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power [dumamis = force; strength] of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."*

WHAT DOES AUTHORITY MEAN?

- **AUTHORITY** [*radah = rule; dominion; power*] is best defined as the power and/or right to decide, control, command, or determine.

Before we dive deep into this word, we must first understand what **AUTHORITY**, our authority, God has given us ... **Genesis 1:26-28**

Being in **AUTHORITY** is not about your **POSITION**, but it's about your **PURPOSE** ... In other words, it's not about the **PLACE YOU'RE IN** but it becomes about the **PRIORITY OF WHAT YOU'RE THERE FOR** ... Some *PEOPLE* have *POSITION*, but have no *PURPOSE* ... **Luke 9:1, 2; 37-43 (ref: Matthew 17:14-21)**

Footnote

There are some things you can't just DECLARE because and out of your POSITION, you have to DEMAND because and out of your PURPOSE. In other words, you can't just CALL a demon out, you have to COMMAND him to come out.

(Come out, come out, wherever you are)

Please understand that **AUTHORITY** has nothing to do with the **WEIGHT** (*power*) of your rule, but it is the **WORTH** (*purpose*) of your rule. In other words, it's not about the power you have to rule, but it's about the purpose of why you rule ...

Proverbs 29:2 / Ezekiel 34:2-4

Those who are in **AUTHORITY** (governmental, parental, spiritual, etc), must know how to rule well in order for there to be honor ... **1 Timothy 5:17; 2:1-3**

- Supplications = to make a humble request
- Prayers = devoted petitions to God
- Intercessions = to plead on the behalf of someone else
- Giving Thanks = to express gratitude or praise
 - (*Quiet *eremos* = positioned*)
 - (*Peaceable *hesuchious* = undisturbed or unmoveable*)

What is the purpose for **AUTHORITY**?

- Authority is not just for **LINING UP** but it is also for **LIVING** ... **Hebrews 13:7; 17**

God has given us **AUTHORITY** over everything. However, there are (3) main areas He has authorized us to operate in **AUTHORITY** in our lives ... **AUTHORITY OVER**

1. THE ENEMY

Luke 10:19 (ref: Luke 9:1, 2)

2. SIN

Romans 6:14-16

3. OUR TONGUES

Proverbs 18:21

You cannot be ashamed or afraid to operate in your **DIVINE AUTHORITY** ... **Romans 1:16 / 2 Timothy 1:7**