# TAKING DOMINION

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(Genesis 1:27-28)

You were **NOT** created to be a slave. You were chosen to have dominion. God wants us to walk in **AUTHORITY**. When a person walks with authority they have the power to **CONTROL**, **COMMAND** and **DETERMINE** what is going to happen. They decide how things are going to happen, when they should happen and why it should happen.

When God gives you dominion (authority) it will **ONLY** be applicable to a designated location. When God gives you dominion in one area it does not mean He has given you dominion in every area. God will always give you dominion over a specific territory.

# HERE IS THE PROOF

#### <u>Genesis 1:27-28</u>

In order to understand how to take dominion you must study Genesis 1:27-28 very carefully. In verse 27 God created human beings. In verse 28 He gave them dominion over the fish, birds and every living thing on the **EARTH**.

In this passage men and women **ONLY** had authority over the **EARTH**. That was their territory. They **DID NOT** have authority in the spirit realm. **GOD IS LETTING US KNOW THAT YOU CAN ONLY TAKE DOMINION IN THE TERRITORY HE HAS GIVEN TO YOU**.

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- Can you walk into another person's home and control how they do things? No. This is **NOT** your territory.
- Can you work for a company and control the way they do business? No. This is **NOT** your territory.

Do not confuse dominion with arrogance. People who are arrogant attempt to establish control in an environment that has **NOT** been given to them. Please remember this Kingdom principle. **YOU CANNOT TAKE WHAT IS NOT YOURS**! Taking what is not yours is called stealing, not dominion. **RULE** what belongs to you. **RESPECT** what belongs to others.

### YOU CAN ONLY CHANGE WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL!

Make a list of things you control and start taking dominion over your territory. For example:

 If you are the dominant authority figure in your home
 COMMAND peace to saturate your home. Create a standard of kindness to fill the home. When you have dominion in your home do not allow anything to happen in your environment that disagrees with your ideology.

## WHY AREN'T PEOPLE TAKING DOMINION?

Th answer to this question is very simple. They do not understand the dominion mandate. **DOMINION IS RULERSHIP! DOMINION IS CONTROL!** When you do not know the dominion mandate you will live the life of a slave in your **OWN** territory.

For example. Taking orders when you should be giving them. Following other people's commands when you should be giving commands. The attack that is launched against people who have dominion is **LOW SELF**-**ESTEEM**. The enemy will attempt to speak condemning words to make you feel guilty so you will not posses what is rightfully yours.

### YOU WILL NEVER TAKE DOMINION OVER YOUR FUTURE WHEN YOU ARE FEELING CONDEMNED ABOUT YOUR PAST.

#### HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THIS?

- You have dominion over your thought life. However, when you allow negative words and images to control your behavior YOU ARE ALLOWING negativity to have dominion over you.
- You have dominion over sin. Jesus died for your sins.
  However, when YOU ALLOW your flesh to influence your emotions your body will have dominion over you.
- You have dominion over your tongue. However, when YOU ALLOW hurtful, disrespectful and negative words to protrude from your mouth you are allowing filth to have dominion over you.

God has given us dominion. Unfortunately, we have CHOSEN to be slaves. Stop allowing the deception of the enemy to remove you from the place of dominion. LOW SELF-ESTEEM, GUILT, LACK OF CONFIDENCE, IGNORANCE and WRONG TEACHING will prevent you from walking in dominion.

When you do not walk in dominion you will run like a slave. Many people have lived an unfulfilled life because they never knew what their God-given privileges were. Do not make the same mistake Adam made. He gave his dominion to Satan because he did not understand who he was and what he had. Take your dominion so you can control your destiny!!

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