

Spiritual Warfare- Spiritual Authority

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Introduction

Matthew 8:5-13

Matthew 10:1; 5-8

Body

Two components of exercising authority:

1. Submit to authority
2. Receive authority

Submission to Authority

Acts 9:3-5

Matthew 25:34-45

- The Lord identifies with His people

1 Samuel 8:3-8

Numbers 12:1-10

- When you set yourself against the servant of God, you set yourself against God.
- This goes both ways - submission to and the exercise of, authority.

Exercising Authority

Acts 1:8

“Power”, or “*dynamis*” - “Possession of controlling influence; often understood as manifesting influence over reality in a supernatural manner.”

- Different from authority, but goes hand in hand.
 - Just because we have the power to do something does not mean we have the authority to do it.
 - The power that we receive when God gives us the gift of the Holy Ghost operates within the bounds of the authority He gives us.
- The Centurion understood authority
- He recognized spiritual authority in Jesus

[Matthew 10:1](#) - “power”, or “*exousia*” in this verse.

Quite a bit different than the “power” mentioned in [Acts 1:8](#)

- Look at [Acts 1:8](#) and [Matthew 10](#) together

Mark 16:20

Acts 4:29–30

Conclusion

It is God’s design and His perfect will for each child of God to exercise the power they’ve been given under the authority of God.