Passing the Test of Authority

How God Uses Authority

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How God Uses Authority In Our Lives:

AUTHORITY = 'the right to exercise power' --
God Is The Absolute Authority In All Of Creation

The Test Of Authority = How We Respond to
God’s Authority Structures in Our Lives

Godly Authority is Designed to Bless Us!
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Spiritual Preparations For The Promised Land

1. Stay in the Book

2. Meditate on it

3. Do everything written in it
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In Order To Get To The Next Level We Have To Put Our Past Failures To Rest

“Moses Is Dead” = He Can’t Get You There; Only God Can Get You There

We Must Come Out Of The Moses Generation And Step Into The Joshua Generation
How God Uses Authority In Our Lives:

**READ:** Joshua 1:10-1:18

Joshua Gives The Orders

To Live Successfully On The Next Level We Must Heed Authority (Follow Orders)

“You Can Get To The River By Yourself, But You Can’t Cross It By Yourself”
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The Test Of Authority Is: Will It Be God’s Way – Or--My Way?

When We Respond The Right Way To Authority -- We Live Under The Divine Protection Of God

Submission To Authority Is A Sign Of Maturity

Authority Must Be Adhered To On This Level In Order To Be Successful On The Next Level
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(Rom 13:1 NIV) 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.

(1 Pet 2:13-14 NIV) Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, (14) or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.
4 Basic Areas of Authority:

God Is The Basic Authority

*He Is Over And Above All Things*

God’s Appointed Leaders

*Parents, Pastors, Govt. Leaders, Bosses*

God’s Appointed Institutions

*Home, Church, Government, Work-Place*
4 Basic Areas of Authority:

**Benefits Accrued Being Under Authority**
- Safety
- Productivity
- Maturing
- Nurturing
- Governing
- Provision
- Order

**Responses To Authority**
1. **Accept And Follow**
2. Accept But Don’t Follow
3. Don’t Accept But Follow
4. Don’t Accept Don’t Follow
4 Basic Areas of Authority:

Authority Within the **HOME/FAMILY**

Authority Within the **GOVERNMENT**

Authority Within the **CHURCH**

Authority Within **BUSINESS (WORK)**
3 Reasons For Authority In Your Life:

1. Authority Helps Us To **Mature** In Wisdom & Character

   Be On Guard Against Rebellion In Our Words
   Our Reasons
   Our Thoughts
   Our Opinions
3 Reasons For Authority In Your Life:

2. Authority Helps Us To Be Protected From Destruction

3. Authority Helps Us To Receive Direction For Life

Obedience To Authority Will:
  Mature Us
  Protect Us
  Guide Us
The Spiritual Fruit of Gentleness:

1.) Being **Submissive** To The Will Of God
2.) Being **Teachable**

When You Cannot Be Taught -- You Lose Much Value For The Kingdom

“When You Are Green You Grow When You Are Ripe You Die”
How God Uses Authority In Our Lives:

Obedience To Authority Deals With Time And Priorities

In Order To Succeed We Must Move At The Right Time

The Perfect Example Of Submission To Authority Is Jesus

Jesus Was One Under Authority
How God Uses Authority In Our Lives:

Obedience To God Is A Way To Real Happiness And Power

Obedience Is Simply The Act Of Getting Under God’s Order In Our Lives

The Greatest Demand Of God Is To Obey

BOTTOM LINE: Spiritual Effectiveness In The Next Level Of Our Life Occurs When We Are Living In Submission To God’s Delegated Authority