The Battle of Our Times
Lawlessness vs Authority

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◊ AUTHORITY is delegated power. – It is the right to exercise that power

◊ God is the absolute authority in all of creation.
   ◊ *He Is Over And Above All Things*

◊ God delegates His authority in many areas
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- God’s Appointed Leaders
  Parents, Pastors, Govt. Leaders, Bosses

- God’s Appointed Institutions
  Home, Church, Government, Work-Place
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God Often Uses Authority To:

✧ Help Us To Mature In Wisdom & Character
✧ Help Us To Be Protected From Destruction
✧ Help Us To Receive Direction For Life

✧ Authority Is Used By God To: Mature, Protect, & Guide
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◊ READ: LUKE 10:1-11; 16-20

◊ Luke 10:19 (KJV) (19) Behold, I give unto you power (authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (strength & ability) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

◊ Authority = Jurisdiction, Liberty, Power, Right

◊ Power = Ability, Might, Miracle, Power, Strength
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- **Luke 10:19 (NIV)** (19) I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

- He has delegated us to overcome the Devil and his evil spirits.

- *God Himself Is The Power Behind Our Authority! The Devil And His Forces Are Obliged To Recognize Our Authority.*”
  
  — The Believers Authority
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♦ Ephesians 6:10 (NIV) (10) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

♦ We Function In Strength And Authority When We Are Strong In His Might And Power—Not Our Own
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1 John 4:4 (NKJV) (4) You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

God Wants Us To Know Our Standing In His Authority
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- READ: Ephesians 1:17-23

- The Riches Of Our Inheritance Include His Incomparable Power

- It Is Far Above Any Other Authority, Power, Ruler, Dominion And Title Ever Given Or Ever Will Be Given.

- Christ Grants Authority To Whomever He Chooses
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◊ **JESUS**: “All Authority In Heaven And On Earth Has Been Given To Me.”

◊ Christ Has Delegated That Authority To His Church To Be His Body On The Earth

◊ **We Are Seated With Him Positionally** -- We Have Authority
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- He Has Enabled Us To Possess All Benefits Of Family Membership And Sonship

- Colossians 2:15 (NIV) (15) And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- Christ Is Our Champion – We Are Positioned In His Victory
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◊ We Are Seated With Christ His Power-filled Grace Overflows In Our Lives.

◊ Ephesians 2:4-7 (NIV) (4) But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, (5) made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. (6) And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, (7) in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
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✧ SATAN: IS THE FOE THAT WE FACE
✧ Satan’s names reveal his nature
✧ The adversary (1 Pet. 5:8, 9)
✧ The accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10; Job 1:6-12)
✧ The enemy (Matt. 13:39)
✧ The tempter (Matt. 4:3)
✧ The father of lies (John 8:44)
✧ The deceiver (Rev. 12:9)
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The Primary Objectives Of Satan:

◊ To Deceive
◊ To Discourage
◊ To Disappoint
◊ To Divide
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$(John 8:44)$ “he (SATAN) speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Satan Has Led A Full-Fledged Attack Against:

- God
- The People Of God
- The Word Of God

We Must Refute His Lies With The Truth
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“The Problems That We Face In Our Society Today – Are Areas Where We As A Society Are Being Attacked, Deceived, And Undermined To Reject God’s Absolutes And Exchange Them For A Tolerance And “Open Mindedness” That Rejects God’s Will, God’s Ways And God’s Word”

We Are Living In Days Of Confusion And Delusion
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- We Are In The Midst Of An All-Out Assault At The Hands Of Our Sworn Enemy Satan
- His Tactics Of Deception Include:
  - Misinformation
  - Disinformation
  - Delusion & Deception
  - False Accusations & Lies
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 What In The World Is Going On? It’s An All-Out Attack By A Prideful Enemy Who Is Cornered And About Ready To Be Defeated – He Will Not Go Silently – He Wants To Inflict As Much Pain And Suffering As Possible

 We Are Not Overcome – But Overcomers

 We Have A Great Life And Future In Christ

 He Has Given Us Victory – We Can Walk In That Victory
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- Many Christians Struggle With Great Insecurities And Fears Because They Have Been Listening To The Lies Of The Devil.
- Satan Lies In Order To Harm Us And Keep Us From Walking In The Calling That God Has For Us.
- The Fall Of Satan And The Battle Of Good And Evil Is At Its Very Core A Battle Over Authority
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- The Battle Of Our Times is LAWLESSNESS VS. AUTHORITY
- **What Is Lawlessness?**
- Lawlessness = wickedness, iniquity, unrighteousness; sin that is rampant; a gross transgression of the law; unauthorized acts or conduct; evil-doing.
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◊ Lawlessness is taking license...
  ◊ with the law and righteousness
  ◊ with morality and discipline

◊ 1 John 3:4 (NIV) (4) Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.
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- The Bible Says In The Last Days There Will Be Lawlessness

- Matthew 24:12 (NKJV) (12) And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.
  - An Increase Of Wickedness
  - A Mindset Of Lawlessness
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- There is Full Scale Rebellion Against Every Type of Authority
- Lawlessness Vs. Authority Is Seen In So Many Areas
  - Sexuality / Gender / Marriage
  - Honesty Vs. Truth / Work Vs. Sloth / God Vs. Humanism
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◊ Lawlessness Does Not And Cannot Value Life & Please God
◊ The Lord God Is The Sole Authority On Each & Every Matter
◊ When The Unchanging Standard And Truth Of The Word Is Removed From Society... People No Longer Know
  ◊ Where They Came From
  ◊ What They Are Here For
  ◊ Where They Are Headed
  ◊ Whom They Must Answer To
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- We Need To Be Preaching The Whole Counsel of The Word

- We Need To Be Revived – Restored – Renewed – Renovated
In Our Faith Walk
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◊ In These Days Of Lawlessness – People Have Been Lied To

◊ They have accepted the lies of the enemy and are stuck in a spiritual trap (2 Tim 2:26).

◊ As Believers We Must Be Able To Identify The Lies Of The Devil
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We Need To Know With Discernment What We Should Do:

- Discernment Comes From Knowing The Word Of God.
- Discernment Comes From Understanding Human Nature.
- Discernment Comes From Prayer.
- Discernment Is An Empowerment Of The Holy Spirit
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✧ Christ Is Our Champion Defeating The Devil And Putting Him In His Place
✧ We Are Positioned In Christ’s Victory
✧ Christ Is Far Above Any And All Principalities And Powers
✧ And We Need To Know And Understand The Source Of Our Authority Is That We Are Seated With Christ –His Power-Filled Grace Overflows In Our Lives.