

Using Your Authority in Christ

The purpose of this lesson is to encourage God's people to rise up in their God-given authority and rout the forces of darkness in the world today.

“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power 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.” Luke 10:17-20, KJV.

THE CHURCH HAS BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY IN THE EARTH

He has made us kings and priests. Revelation 1:6

We are reign in life like kings. Romans 5:17 Amplified ...reign as kings in life:...

Pray for revelation of who we are, what we have and what we can do. Ephesians 1:15-23

The devil has been defeated. Col. 2:13-15

Today we are facing spiritual adversity on every side. . .But thank God, the devil is defeated and this hour God is going to invade these strongholds and bring down these evil powers. He will use you!.

Do you know your authority in Christ? Do you have your armor on? Are you equipped for the battle that is at hand? If not, don't wait, it's time to get ready—for yourself, for your family, for your nation, for the world. Will you face the challenges that lie ahead by chewing your fingernails and wondering when God is going to do something OR will you stand up as a soldier in the army of the Lord to do battle against the forces of darkness?

LET'S GET EQUIPPED

Put on the whole armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-19

He says, YOU be strong in HIS might. . . It's God's power and authority working in you. To succeed you must put on His armor. You need to be established in truth, in righteousness. You must have your Gospel get ready shoes on, and your shield of faith. You must be ready to wield your “It is written” sword. You must be prepared through communion with the Father and study of the Word of God.

USE THE WORD OF GOD

He cast out the spirits with His Word. Matthew 8:16, 17, KJV.

It is written Satan. Luke 4:8, KJV.

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A Christian cannot be possessed of a demon, but can be oppressed. Jesus defeated the devil by using the Word of God. Below are scriptures that I have found to be effective against spiritual, mental and emotional oppression, anxiety and depression in Christians. Confess them three times a day and you will notice the oppression lifting. Quote the scripture and then confess that it belongs to you. Confession brings possession, in Jesus name. You can possess anything that is promised you in the Word of God, as you believe it, confess it, embrace and possess it. Confess it now: "I'm free in Jesus name." Use these scriptures to minister to others also.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1, KJV).

Confess: I'm standing fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made me free; I will not be entangled again in a yoke of bondage.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:31-32, KJV).

Confess: I continue in the Word of God and I am Jesus' disciple indeed. I know the truth and the truth makes me free.

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

Confess: Jesus has given me power over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt me.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:36, KJV).

Confess: The Son of God has made me free and I am free indeed, in Jesus' name.

Neither give place to the devil. (Ephesians 4:27, KJV).

Confess: I refuse give place to the devil of fear, anxiety, doom, gloom and hopelessness.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7, KJV).

Confess: I submit myself to God and his love and power. I resist the devil [of fear, anxiety, oppression, depression and torment] and he flees from me in terror. Go, devil, go, in Jesus' name.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9, KJV).

Confess: My adversary the devil, as a roaring lion goes about seeking whom he may devour. He may not devour me. I resist him steadfast in the faith. (Make a fist now and say it with force.) I resist you Satan, in Jesus name.

USE THE BLOOD OF JESUS

We overcome by the blood of the lamb. Revelation 12:11

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7-9

USE THE NAME OF JESUS

In His name we cast out devils. Mark 16:17

His name through faith in His name. (Acts 3:16, KJV).

Whatever you ask in my name I will do it. John 14:12-14, KJV

God has given Him a name above every name. Phil 2:9-11

The name of Jesus carries all the authority of God. This is the authority that He gave us when He sent us into all the world. All authority is given unto me, Go ye therefore. . . (Mat. 28) Every knee shall bow to the name of Jesus.

Paul I know. Jesus I know, but who are you. Acts 19:13-20

The name of Jesus is not a magic formula for success in the spirit realm, it is a divine signature given to the followers of Christ to use against the enemy. . . to stand in the evil day. This day qualifies and it's time for the church to stand.

USE THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal...1 Corinthians 12:7-11, KJV.

The revelation gifts, including the discerning of spirits, are especially important in dealing with demons.

CASTING OUT SPIRITS

Jesus came to set the captives free... Luke 4:18, 19

Jesus cast out demons. Mt. 8:16-17, Mk 9:25-27

Jesus calls his us to cast out spirits... Matthew 10:1, 7-8, Mark 16:17-18

All power is given to Jesus. Go therefore... Matthew 28:18-20

Paul casts out a spirit... Acts 16:16-18

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Cast out a spirit for healing... Luke 13:11-13

Sometimes the devil can sound very religious. He may even flatter you. But he comes as an angel of light. He comes in a masquerade. This is why we need the discerning of spirits in this hour.

YOU MIGHT BE DEALING WITH DEMONS

- When pain moves from place to place in a person's body. Spirit of infirmity.
- When there is depression. Spirit of heaviness. Is 61:3
- When there is cancer.
- When someone has self-accusation, excessive guilt, shame, self hatred, it can be a spirit of condemnation.
- When someone is dealing with suicidal thoughts or PTSD, spirit of death and murder.
- When there are generational curses, evil spirits can be involved.
- When there is unforgiveness, occult activity, sexual immorality, pornography.
- When there are addictions.
- When there has been sin (idolatry, witchcraft, etc.) in past generations.

HOW TO DEAL WITH EVIL SPIRITS

Be led by the Spirit. Each situation is different. Roman 8:15

At some point, lead the person to confess Jesus as Lord and to believe in the His death, burial and resurrection. Roman 10:9-10, 13, The power is in the Gospel. Romans 1:16

It is important that the person wants to be delivered and is cooperating with their deliverance. Have them renounce Satan and any sin (idolatry, occult activity, etc.) Mt. 18:19

Plead (claim the benefits of) the blood to the covenant promise of freedom, healing and life. Plead the blood over yourself and your family also.

Command the demon to go in the name of Jesus and then call forth the healing that Jesus purchased on Calvary.

PRACTICAL EXERCISES

Pray for individuals who are experiencing spiritual problems. Pray in the Spirit and ask the Lord to reveal if evil spirits are involved. Don't try to manufacture something, but if God reveals it clearly, bring it to light and take authority over that spirit, in Jesus' name. Share scriptures that come up in your spirit with the person needing ministry and pray for them.

HOMEWORK

Meditate and confess the scriptures in this lesson, especially in the section called "USE THE WORD OF GOD" Do this for several days and begin to use them to minister to others also.

Using Your Authority Quiz

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1. Jesus said, "I give you _____ over all the power of the enemy and _____ shall by any means hurt you.
2. Paul told us to be strong in the Lord and the power of _____ might and to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to _____.
3. In Luke 4, Jesus defeated the devil by using the _____.
4. Revelation 12:11 says we overcome Satan by the _____ of the lamb, the _____ of our testimony and we love not our lives unto the _____.
5. The lame man at the gate beautiful was healed by faith in the _____ of _____.
6. (True or False) The name of Jesus carries the authority of God.
7. (True or False) Anyone can use the name of Jesus.
8. Which of the nine gifts of the Spirit are given to deal with demonic powers.

9. Sometimes the devil comes as an _____ of _____.
10. Some sicknesses are caused by _____ _____.