

How to Be Set in Authority



Genesis 1:25
Romans 13:1-2

- **Review – The Spiritual Principle of Authority – “God’s Plan to protect our lives.”**
- **Intent – God’s plan to protect the integrity of His will.**
- **Purpose: a discipline building principle.**
- **Objective: how to stay in position with God.**
- **Goal: To actualize concepts for successful Christian living.**

- **Lesson # 1 – What is the authority of God? – submitting to and abiding under the Word of God beyond your human reasoning and human interest.**
- **Authority – the legal right to exercise power.**

- **Lesson #2 – How to Be Set Under Authority**
- **Three statements:**
 1. **Authority that exercises power on its own behalf reaps corruption and destruction.**
 2. **The exercise of power without authority is illegal and destructive.**
 3. **Authority without power to enforce is inept and useless.**

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- **Verse 25 – The Lord has made everything that is necessary to sustain man and mankind.**

- **Statements:**
 1. **The original purpose and plan of God was the extension of His Kingdom of Heaven on earth.**
 2. **The purpose and destiny of mankind was dominion and ruler-ship over the earth.**
 3. **Man was both created and made.**
 4. **Man was made in God’s image.**
 5. **God’s plan was to fill His family of children (man) with His Spirit so that they could stay connected to heaven to dominate earth.**

6. The first assignment God gave to His children was to have dominion over the earth.

- Verse 27 – God is beginning to transfer His authority in the natural realm into the hands of man.
- Dominion means to be established as a sovereign, kingly, ruler, master, governor, responsible for reigning over a designated territory, and stewardship.
- Chapter 2:7 – Now man is a living manifestation with authority in the earth realm.
- Verse 15 – God now has given him total authority and total fulfillment in the earth.
- Verses 16 & 17 – God commanded Adam; demand is not as strong as command.
- Chapter 3:6-8
- Verse 9 – “Where art thou?” God was not asking about his location.
- When we come out from under the authority of God’s Word, it affects you, others, and the plan of God.
- Verse 15 – was an alternate plan.
- The fall of man was not a fall from heaven but a fall from the assignment of dominion over the earth.
- Adam lost the right to exercise power; he did not lose the authority in the earth.
- The purpose and goal of God’s redemption plan was to restore man back to where he had fallen from.
- God came in Christ to restore man back to power.
- Romans 13:1 - this is not talking about people he is talking about position.

1. We must be subject to the higher power.

A. We must know the difference between the position of authority and the person in authority.

B. The person changes but the position remains the same.

C. When I cannot respect a person in authority, I must find a way to respect the position.

2. I must not resist the ordinance – appointed orderly arrangement of God.