

# How to Be Set Under Authority



**Luke 7:1-10**

- The Spiritual Principle of Authority is God's plan to protect my life.
  - Principle: an eternal truth when applied, it will bring about the desired result.
  - This principle will protect us all situations, from all evil, unrighteousness, failure, gloom, doom, and distress.
  - Purpose: a discipline building principle.
  - Objective: how to stay in position with God.
- 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.
- 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.
- Garden of Eden – God gave man the authority in the earth (Psalm 8:6).
  - The power that was lost in the Garden of Eden was restored (Acts 1:8).
- Three kinds of authority:
    1. Natural – the authority we have over one another.
    2. Civil – the natural law of the land.
    3. Spiritual – the sovereign authority of the Word of God.
- If we are not set under authority, God cannot deliver to us the promises He has given to us in His Word.
  - Set - orderly arranged, to be arranged in a position that I am unmovable.
  - How do I stay set under authority? By staying under the Word of God.

- 1. We must be subject to the higher power (Rom. 13:1).**
- A. We must know the difference between the position of authority and the person in authority (1 Sam. 24:1-20).**
- 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.**