

The Spiritual Principle of Authority



**Genesis 2:16-17;
Luke 7:1-9**

- 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.
 - To teach: (1) What is the authority of God; (2) How to be set under authority; (3) How to be set in authority; (4) Understanding the authority of the believer.
 - Goal: to actualize concepts for successful Christian living.
- What is the authority of God (Luke 7:1-9)?
 - Some things we need to know about the Centurion soldiers.
 1. Centurion soldiers were self-made Roman captains.
 2. Let us look at the relationship of the Elders of the Jews and the average Centurion soldier.
- This is one of the two times in the Scriptures that Jesus was marveled (Mark 6:6).
 - Marvel: to wonder at; to be amazed.
 - God used this soldier to show us what authority was and the proper use of authority.
 - There is a difference between authority and the authority of God.
 - This principle is the most misunderstood principle in the Word of God.
 - Until this principle of authority is corrected in our lives, everything will continue to go downward.
1. What is the authority of God?
 - Authority – the exercise of power.
 - The authority of God is submitting and abiding under the Word of God, beyond your human reasoning and human interest.

- **Three-fold meaning of authority:**
 - A. Permission is granted – it is lawful, and you have the right to exercise power (Policeman).**
 - B. Power to enforce – one whose commands must be obeyed (Judge).**
 - C. Gives power the permission to act – it implies the proper use of.**

2. Explain the authority of God.

- A. This man was set under authority – Set – orderly arranged under authority.**
- B. This man knew the source of his power.**
- C. This man knew that Jesus was under authority.**
- D. The man knew the source of Jesus' power.**