

The Technology of Spiritual Authority

Authority = The Power or right to give orders, decide or enforce obedience

Technology = The inner workings or system of an art or craft.

1 Thess 2:18

For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way.

There are spirits that hinder us in this life. We need to know how to deal with this. *Whether it was because of persecution, or philosophic heresy, or the divisions of the Church, were the outward instruments we cannot tell, but Satan was assuredly the prime mover. Charles Spurgeon.* We need to be conscious of these hindering spirits and address them. All these things require us to go to a new level where we have a new diet and thought pattern. For Cornelius it was his giving and his prayers that touched heaven as a memorial. (Acts 10). A memorial is something that causes someone to remember you. Some people have this and some don't. The speed with which prayers are answered is not the same. Not everyone got heaven's attention the way Cornelius did.

Acts 10:1-8

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, 2 a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. 3 About the ninth hour of the day[a] he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." 4 And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." 7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, 8 and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Think about why the angel's first thing to say to Cornelius was about his prayers and giving. So we must walk in authority to resist the enemy's strategies. At the same time we must do the things that get heaven's attention at another level. An angel was not sent to everyone but was sent to Cornelius because of specific things he had done.

If God wants to bring revival to this region may He choose me to be one of the vessels. Dedicate yourself to things that get heaven's attention.

There is spiritual rank and there is anointing. Elijah was higher in rank than Elisha despite the fact that there are many more recorded miracles done by Elisha. Moses was higher in rank than Joshua despite the fact that Joshua had a strong warrior and leadership anointing on his life.

1. We can move to greater levels of spiritual authority and glory

2 Cor 3:18

NIV And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

ESV And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Glory = Doxa/Dokeo = Praise (Opinion – always good opinion in new testament), honour. What is heaven's opinion of you? Jesus said to His disciples, I no longer call you servants, I now call you friends.

What does your next level look like. At your next level there is greater revelation, answered prayer, greater authority, acceleration etc. Different things happen at different levels of glory.

2. Spiritual authority manifests in your speech and distinguishes you - Jesus

Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, 29because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Authority is a key differentiator. What are you looking for your differentiation? Your eloquence? Your looks?

3. Spiritual authority results in people not resisting your wisdom and Spirit - Stephen

Acts 6:9-10

But resistance arose from what was known as the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and men from the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. They began to argue with Stephen, 10but they could not stand up to his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.

We see the same with Samuel the prophet. By what wisdom do you speak? By what spirit do you speak?

4. Spiritual Authority is to be honoured – Moses

Impartation is linked to honour. Don't mock what you actually want imparted to you.

Numbers 12:1-15

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. 2“Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this. 3(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) 4At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. 5Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, 6he said, “Listen to my words: “When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. 7But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. 8With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” 9The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them. 10When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous —it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, 11and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. 12Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.” 13So Moses cried out to the Lord, “Please, God, heal her!” 14The Lord replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” 15So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

A few statements of honour are made about Moses. He is humble, and He is faithful in all my house. I believe this was a key to the level he functioned in. The result was that Miriam was confined outside the camp and the people couldn't move on during that time. What is slowing you down?

“Whenever man touches God's delegated authority he touches God within that person; sinning against delegated authority is sinning against God.” — Watchman Nee, Spiritual Authority

Cush – Ethiopia, Somalia area.

Even in the New Testament Jesus did not speak to everyone in the same way. He spoke plainly to His disciples but in parables to the crowds.

Have you honoured delegated authority? Why have you not been afraid to speak certain things? Have you become familiar with them? Wives are you submitted to your husbands?

5. Spiritual authority establishes you and your words

1 Sam 3:19-21

Thus Samuel grew and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fail. 20All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD. 21And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD....

Your words will not fail (fall to the ground). This means that what you declare will come to pass. The promise will be fulfilled and not broken. May God establish you. When Samuel was confirmed as a prophet this meant that He was the go-to person for kings etc. Your words will stick. Your books will sell all over the world.

Ecclesiastes 12:11

The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails--given by one shepherd.

Goads are spiked sticks used for driving cattle.

6. Your spiritual authority increases to the degree to which you acknowledge Jesus

Matthew 10:31-33

Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. 32Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven. 33But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven....

Confess = to speak the same as, to agree. This means that when you speak in line with Jesus' words before people He will speak in line with your words before God. Your prayers and decrees will be answered. **If you speak on my behalf on earth I will do the same for you in heaven.** Being denied in heaven has to do with unanswered prayer.

Some of you want your prayers to be heard in heaven but are you acknowledging Jesus on earth.

7. Spiritual authority is birthed in first hand intimacy

Jesus said that we will do greater works. It's interesting to see how Jesus' garment was touched and the woman was healed. People were healed as they came into contact with Peter's shadow. Now we see that cloths that had been in contact with Paul were used to heal and bring deliverance. You must have spiritual authority. You can't copy this.

Are you recognized in the spirit realm? **It's not just about Jesus' name but who is using Jesus's name. He has given this to us as believers.** Spiritual authority is not about formulae and incantations. It's primarily about intimacy with Jesus and alignment with His assignment for you. You don't let just anyone use your signature. It's based on intimacy.

Acts 19:11-20

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." 14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. 15 But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" 16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all[a] of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. 18 Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. 19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts

brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

What stops you from knowing God experientially for yourself?

Be careful of trying to use formulae outside of intimacy. There are some things you cant delegate, such as intimacy with God.

Jesus I know = Ginosko = knowing experientially

Paul I recognize = Epistamai = knowing about, having knowledge of

There are degrees of being known in the spirit realm. When demons recognize you they often flee yet when they don't that's when they test things to see if you know your authority.

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