

YOU HAVE AUTHORITY

1. BY RIGHT OF BIRTH

We know we have authority by right of birth.

Psalms 8:1-9 NKJV

O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens! 2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and
the avenger.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which
You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You
visit him?

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels,[b] And You have crowned him with
glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You
have put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, 8 The
birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our
Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

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6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all
things under his feet,

(Read & Meditate on this truth)

Psalms 115:14-16 NKJV

May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children. 15 May you be
blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children
of men.

Genesis 1:26–28 NKJV

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have
dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the
earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His
own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then
God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue
it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing
that moves on the earth.”

2. THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

These Spirits that we wrestle with we have authority over them. Evil Spirits are rebel holders of authority, they are dethroned.

Note: we don't have authority over other people

This authority is not just for a few, no it belongs to every born again child of God!

Ephesians 1:3 NKJV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

John 8:32 NKJV

You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Knowledge acted upon brings results.

Acts 19:11–16 NKJV

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

3. DELEGATED POWER

We know we have Authority because it has been Delegated to us.

In explaining the nature of spiritual authority, it is useful to examine the difference between the words 'authority' and 'power,' as they are used in the following statement made by Christ

Luke 10:19 NKJV

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Authority Defined

Greek Word authority'*exousia* = to have the right to rule or govern, as one whose will and commands ought to be submitted to and obeyed.

-lawful permission to **execute power**, or ability to bring judgment or justice for or against."

In contrast

Greek word 'power' is 'dunamis,' which means to have the inherent strength or actual ability to bring about a desired purpose.

An eighteen wheeler has inherent strength and so its driver has direct or '*dunamis*' power at his disposal to perform his task. While a traffic officer has insufficient physical power to stop a truck, he does have delegated or '*exousia*' authority at his disposal. When the traffic officer puts up his hand the truck driver stops his vehicle, because behind that gesture lies the whole weight of the Police Department.