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**An Irresistible Church will
Line up Under Authority**

3 Principles of Authority

Psalm 24:1-5

¹ The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. ² For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers. ³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

1. The Author has Authority

Acts 17:22–28

²² So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects.

²³ “For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘**TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.**’ Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

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²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things; ²⁶ and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

**Repentance is recognizing
God's authority.**

Authority transfers ability.

**If you want revival in your family,
bring it under the authority of God.**

2. Authority Flows Down

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- Even Jesus could only do what He did because he lined up under authority.

Rebellion is anti-God.

1 Samuel 15:23

“For rebellion is as the sin of divination [witchcraft], And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king.”

**When you rebel against God's authority,
you change the object of your worship.**

Authority is a gift in your life.

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⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

**Authority wounds are the result of making
a person your source of authority.**

3. Those in Line Benefit

Psalm 110:1–3

¹ The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

² The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."

³ Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your • NASB95
power.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary on Psalm 110

Glorious things are here spoken of Christ. Not only he should be superior to all the kings of the earth, but he then existed in glory as the eternal Son of God. Sitting is a resting posture...he sits like a king for ever. All his enemies are now in a chain, but not yet made his footstool. And his kingdom, being set up, shall be kept up in the world, in despite of all the powers of darkness. Christ's people are a willing people...

...Christ's sitting at the right hand of God, speaks as much terror to his enemies as happiness to his people. The effect of this victory shall be the utter ruin of his enemies... What then are we? Has the gospel of Christ been to us the power of God unto salvation? Has his kingdom been set up in our hearts? Are we his willing subjects? Once we knew not our need of his salvation, and we were not willing that he should reign over us. Are we willing to give up every sin, to turn from a wicked, insnaring world, and rely only on his merits and mercy, to have him for our Prophet, Priest, and King?

The church has authority in society and culture because we are lined up under God.

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- "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others." - Matthew 23:23

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**In order for a war to be just,
three things are necessary.**

First, the authority of the sovereign.

Secondly, a just cause.

Thirdly, a rightful intention.

Thomas Aquinas

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