

Walking in His Authority
Walking Worthy of Authority
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Authority is **not** control. It is delegated power from God to **advance** His Kingdom, **protect** what He's entrusted to us, and **reflect** His character.

Jesus **Redefined** Authority

“A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.” Luke 22:24-27

Learning to Walk Worthy

- Authority without character is **dangerous**

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?” Luke 16:10-13

If your character can't **sustain** it, your authority will **destroy** you.

- Authority Without Love Is **Noise**

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

- Use the words of angels
- Prophecy
- Understanding and knowledge
- Faith to move mountains
- Generous and give everything away
- Hardship in the body
- Patient
- Kind
- Does not envy
- Does not boast
- Does not record wrongs

- Does not delight in evil
 - Rejoices in truth
 - Always protects
 - Always hopes
 - Always perseveres.
- Authority without compassion is **abuse**

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” Romans 12:15

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

- Authority without submission is **pride**

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10

“In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.” 1 Peter 5:5-6

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

- Authority requires **Justice** and **Mercy**

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7

- Authority Requires **Humility**

“The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Matthew 23:11-12

Kingdom authority **flows** through humility

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.” James 4:6, 10

- Character
- Love
- Compassion
- Submission
- Justice
- Mercy
- Humility

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” Philippians 2:3-4

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- Authority without character is _____
If your character can't _____ it, your authority will _____ you
- Authority without love is _____
- Authority without compassion is _____
- Authority without submission is _____
- Authority requires _____ and _____
- Authority requires _____
Kingdom authority _____ through humility

Scripture: *Luke 22:24-27; Luke 16:10-13; 1 Corinthians 13:1-7; Romans 12:15; Ephesians 4:32; Proverbs 16:18; Matthew 6:9-10; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:7; [Matthew 23:11-12](#) ; James 4:6, 10; [Philippians 2:3-4](#)*