THE AUTHORITY & POSITION
OF THE BELIEVER

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• 1 Peter 5:8–9 (NIV) — 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Satan's Plans:

- 1. Satan Plans To Thwart God's Desire For Our Lives
- 2. Satan Plans To **Defeat Us**
- 3. Satan Plans To Make Us Believe He Is Unstoppable

 He Does That Is Through Accusations, Deceptions, And Temptations

<u>Things We Need To Understand About Satan</u>

Satan Is God Of This World.

As Believers, Satan Is No Longer Our Ruler -- Christ Is

 Satan Tries To Deceive Us Into Believing We Still Belong To Him, Or Are Under His Control

Satan Is Only As Effective Against Believers As They Give Into To His Lies, Schemes, And Deceptions

Satan Hates Everything That God Loves and Establishes

- God Loves People & Wants To Redeem Them
- Satan Hates People & Wants To Ruin Them

Satan Is Someone We All Must Face.

- Satan Is An Adversary To All Of God's People
- He Tries To Blind Us Of The Authority We Have in Christ
- (2 Cor 11:14 NIV) And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.
- He Is Described As A Masquerader
- The "Father Of Lies"
- The "Deceiver Of Brethren"

I. THE AUTHORITY

• I Give You Power To Tread On The Enemy -- (Luke 10:17-20)

Jesus Can Give Us Authority Because He Has Authority To Give

- AUTHORITY= The Greek Word Is 'exousia',
- IT CARRIES THE MEANING OF: privilege, force, capacity, competency, freedom, mastery magistrate, superhuman, delegated influence:-- jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.
- Authority Is Delegated Power I.E. Traffic Cop

II. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUTHORITY

• Read: Ephesians 1:18-23

 The effectiveness of Our Authority has to do with the Power it represents

Power = 'Dunamis' -- It Means Dynamite

III. QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY

- 1. Knowledge Of Our Position In Christ
- 2. Belief Faith Trust
- 3. Humility
- 4. Boldness
- Awareness

IV. PRINCIPLES FOR DEFEATING SATAN

- 1. Speak Out Loud.
- 2. Speak "In The Name Of The Lord, Jesus, Christ And His Shed Blood On The Cross
- 3. Outside Of Exercising Authority There Is Nothing Else That Has To Be Done
- 4. Be Patient -- Satan Will Be Defeated

V. THE UNPROTECTED AREA:

- We Are Totally Protected Except For One Area --Our Back
- Never Turn Your Back On The Devil
- We Must Watch The Backs Of One Another
- Let Us Make Up Our Minds To Stand Together --To Protect One Another's Back --And Not To Wound One Another