



I. Series Review

Ephesians 6:18-19 (NKJV) – ¹⁸*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—¹⁹and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.*

Previous Sessions

A. Understanding Real Prayer

B. Experiencing Peace through Prayer

C. Covenant Prayer

Understanding our covenant with God brings assurance in prayer.

D. Prayer and Authority

II. Review & Added Information

The Believer's Authority

A. Jesus has delegated His authority to us.

- **He gave authority to the twelve.**

- **He gave authority to the other seventy.**

See Luke 10:1, 9, 17-19

- **He gave authority to all believers.**

Mark 16:15-18 (NKJV) – ¹⁵*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will*

by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover

B. There's a time to pray (request) – there's a time to speak (declare authority).

- **Prayer and authority work together.**
- **There will be times while praying that God will lead you to use your authority.**
- **There are other times that I just use the authority that God has delegated to me. I don't have to pray about it.**
- **Prayer alone, without the use of authority, may not produce the desired results.**

This occurs when we are asking God to do something that He has given us the authority and power to do.

C. The Prayer and Authority Connection

Mark 11:23-24 (NKJV) – ²³*For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.* ²⁴*Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

Added examples of prayer and authority in use

John 11:41-44 (NKJV) – ⁴¹*Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.* ⁴²*And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."* ⁴³*Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"* ⁴⁴*And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his*



face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

- *Jesus Prayed,*
- *Jesus used His voice of authority.*
- *Lazarus didn’t come forth while Jesus prayed.*
- *Lazarus came forth when the voice of authority was used.*
- *Too often people are trying to get results by prayer when the situation calls for the voice of authority.*

D. Demonic forces do not respond to prayer. They respond to the voice of authority.

- 1. We should speak to demonic forces.**
- 2. We should speak to our circumstances.**
- 3. We should speak to our bodies.**
- 4. There is a time to use the tool of prayer – there is a time to use the tool of authority.**

You cannot replace one with the other. Both are necessary for victory in the life of the Believer.

III. Maintaining Authority

A. Becoming skilled in authority.

- 1. We become skilled at things we give our attention.**
 - a. **Personal – piano; music**
 - b. **The more attention you give to a specific thing, the more skilled you become with it.**
- 2. Skilled at spiritual things.**
 - a. **Our covenant benefit package**
What we have and what we can do.
 - b. **Healing**



- c. **Freedom**
- d. **Prosperity**
- e. **Spiritual warfare**
How to use your spiritual weapon.

- 3. **We need to become skilled with the use of authority.**
 - a. **Develop a mindset that knows you have authority.**
 - b. **Practice always using authority.**
Practice makes perfect.

DEVELOPING IN SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

- **Authority is always connected to Words.**
 - *Become skilled at using the right words at all times.*

 - Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV)** – ³⁶*But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.*
³⁷*For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*

 - Idle** = free from labor – at leisure – lazy, shunning the labor one ought to perform. Useless – barren – idol.

 - ***WE are not skilled in authority when we use words loosely or without specific purpose in mind.***

 - ***It is impossible to practice speaking casually and then transition to a trained tongue only during warfare.***

 - ***EXAMPLE: speaking sickness and defeat all week and then transitioning to speaking healing and victory on Sunday.***

 - Proverbs 21:23 (NKJV)** – *Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.*

YOUR AUTHORITY CAN RISE NO GREATER THAN THE WORDS YOU PRACTICE SPEAKING.

- **To maintain authority is to maintain words of authority.**
 - **Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)** – *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*
 - **Hebrews 10:23 (AMP)** – *Let us seize and hold tightly the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is reliable and trustworthy and faithful [to His word];*
 - **Hebrews 10:23 (GWT)** – *We must continue to hold firmly to our declaration of faith. The one who made the promise is faithful.*
 - **Once authority is declared, be guarded not to speak against what you have said.**

Satan will always attempt to cause you to negate your confession.

To negate your confession is to relinquish your authority.

TERRITORY GAINED – MUST BE MAINTAINED

Matthew 12:43-45 (NKJV) – ⁴³When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

- **Authority is maintained through consistency.**
 - *Consistent Prayer – prayer that doesn't shift focus*
 - *Consistent Words – words that do not shift out of faith*
 - *Consistent Actions – actions consistent with the answer.*

