

## THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL—PART 2

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### DAY 1 – HOW TO USE THE AUTHORITY JESUS GAVE YOU

The Bible speaks of a spiritual realm that we can't see with our natural eyes. John A. MacMillan's book *The Authority of the Believer* gives us information on our authority against the activity of the devil. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. Getting born again is the most important thing we can do. The second most important thing is to get knowledge, understanding and revelation of the authority God has given us.

### STUDY IT

- I. The Bible speaks of a spiritual realm that we can't see with our natural eyes (2 Corinthians 4:18).
  - Although we can see the effects of our warfare with the enemy, we can't actually see much of the warfare that we do.
  - The enemy cannot be seen with the natural eye.
  - The Holy Spirit is also unseen. He's like the wind—you see the effects of the Holy Spirit, but He Himself is unseen.
  - Angels who minister for us are in that unseen space (Hebrews 1:14).
  - The only separation between the spiritual realm and the natural realm is our inability to see into that sphere.
  
- II. John A. MacMillan's book *The Authority of the Believer* gives us information on our authority against the activity of the devil.
  - The spiritual gift of *discerning of spirits* means the ability to see into the realm of spirits.
  - We simply ignore evil spirits unless they interfere with us. Then, we have been told by God to resist them (James 4:7). Continue to resist with boldness.
  - Brother Kenneth E. Hagin had a spiritual experience. He had a vision that Jesus was talking to him. A little monkey-like thing appeared and threw an ink-spot-type barrier between Jesus and Brother Hagin.
    - Brother Hagin waited for Jesus to do something about the hindrance, because he couldn't hear what Jesus was saying.
    - Finally Brother Hagin told the demon to go! It left, the barrier disappeared and he could hear Jesus again.

- Jesus said, "I'm glad you did that. I could not do it. I have given *you* the authority. I've already done all that I'm going to do about the devil for the Church. The Church is the Body of Christ, and they are to cast him out."
- Nowhere in the Bible are we told to ask God to do something about the devil. We are to take care of problems he brings.

### III. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Corinthians 10:4).

- We have at least two weapons to use to resist the devil.
  1. We have the Name of Jesus and the power of that Name—the authority of the risen Lord (Mark 16:17-18).
  2. We have the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.
    - The blood of Jesus is a mighty weapon. Everything we have is based on the blood that was shed by Jesus on Calvary.
    - The old-timers would "plead the blood of Jesus" over situations and circumstances.
- Billye Brim says, "In the Name of Jesus, I plead the blood of Jesus." She's using both weapons.
- We don't have authority over people, but we do over the devil and demons.
  - You can successfully reign and rule in your household. Speak your authority morning and night. Resist the devil steadfastly with your weapons and your authority.
- We are assured that if we resist the devil, he *will* flee (1 Peter 5:9).
  - We know we can speak to a person that is demon possessed and command the devil to leave.
  - Also, we have the authority to forbid Satan from working in our area at all.
  - Whatever we are doing and wherever we are, we can command the devil to leave and not hinder us.

### IV. Getting born again is the most important thing we can do. The second most important thing is knowledge, understanding and revelation of the authority God has given us.

- Satan, the accuser of the believers, works day and night (Revelation 12:10), so, we must resist him daily.
- These are the end times and the devil knows his time is short. He is increasing his attacks and his accusations against believers (Revelation 12:12).
- We overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, and we love God more than our own lives (Revelation 12:11).
- Gary L. Wood, in *A Place Called Heaven*, wrote that he saw the earth encircled by three rings. Inside the first ring, the earth's atmosphere, he saw hundreds of evil spirits in Satan's domain. The evil spirits would target people and try to deceive them.



- As the Christians would pray and speak the Name of Jesus with faith, their prayers would shoot into the heavens like barbed arrows, and an army of angelic forces would appear prepared for battle to destroy the demon's effectiveness.
- We are not to be overcome by evil. We are to be the overcomers!

Additional scriptures: John 3:8; Psalm 91:11

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

You have been given two powerful spiritual weapons: the Name of Jesus and the blood of the Lamb.

Write how you will use them to defeat the enemy in the lives of those you care for and yourself. Remember: The key words are *believe* and *speak*.

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### DAY 2 – RISE UP IN YOUR AUTHORITY IN CHRIST

It's important that we know how to defeat the devil and keep him away. We have weapons to stop the enemy. Two words in the Greek are translated *power: dunamis and exousia*. The Church needs a greater understanding of prayer, so it can see its ministry in the heavenlies to which it has been called.

### STUDY IT

- I. It's important that we know how to defeat the devil and keep him away.
  - Jesus came that we could have abundant life (John 10:10).
  - We can stop school shootings and mall shootings with our authority.
    - Billye Brim has several partners who walk the malls praying and using their authority to resist demonic activity.
  - We can't be just hearers of God's Word; we must also be doers of the Word (James 1:22).
- II. We have weapons to stop the enemy (2 Corinthians 10:4).
  - God is giving us a revelation of how to deal with demons.
  - We have two very effective spiritual weapons:
    1. The Name of Jesus.
    2. The blood of the Lamb.
  - Kenneth E. Hagin wrote a book, *The Authority of the Believer*, concerning the power we have been given.
  - Before Jesus comes again, there's going to be a group of believers who will rise up and use their God-given authority. That's us!
  - Billye reads from a prophecy given by Kenneth E. Hagin before he went to be with the Lord.
    - He prophesied that there would be a great move of casting out demons. This gift must be used with the knowledge that God has given in His Word. There will be an advance of demonic activity, and a greater activity of the Holy Spirit.
- III. The Church needs a greater understanding of prayer, so it can see its ministry in the heavenlies to which it has been called.



- Every believer has the ministry of ruling and reigning over the devil. The demons have to obey you as you use the authority God has given you.
- This authority belongs to every born-again believer. Whether they know it or not, they have this authority.
  - Billye Brim tells about when she was born again at 8 years old. She also received authority over the devil at the same time, but she didn't know it.
    - You have to have knowledge that you have authority over the devil (Hosea 4:6).
    - Without knowledge, you don't have faith. Faith comes by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17).
    - If you don't have knowledge, you can't act on faith.
  - The devil has blinded people to hold back the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- If you know that you have been translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of Jesus (Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 2:6) where you have a ministry with Jesus, the demons have to obey you.

IV. Two words in New Testament Greek are translated *power*: *dunamis* and *exousia*.

1. The Greek word *dunamis* means "inherent power"; "the power of reproducing itself." We get the English words *dynamics*, *dynamo* and *dynamite* from *dunamis*.
  2. The Greek word *exousia* means *authority* or *delegated power*, that is "the liberty and the right to put forth power."
- Billye Brim gives an example of a traffic policeman. The officer doesn't have the *dunamis* to stop an 18-wheeler; but the officer does have *exousia*, authority to stop traffic.
    - *Authority* is "delegated power."
    - There is one scripture in the New Testament that uses both "power" words (Luke 10:19).
      - Jesus gave us authority (*exousia*) over the devil's power (*dunamis*).
  - Jesus said we have overcome *them* (spirits and demons) (1 John 4:4).
  - Our source of power is God the Father, the One who raised Jesus from the dead.
  - You have the Greater One inside you, so go to work using your authority! God has done everything. He's given you authority. Now, it's your responsibility to use it!

Additional scriptures: Revelation 12:12; Ephesians 6:12; 1 John 4:1

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Make this declaration with us:

*I have been given power and authority over all the works of the enemy. I choose now to use it! In Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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### DAY 3 – THE SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL POWER AND AUTHORITY

It's important, after we are born again, to learn and know about the authority we have been given. The source of our spiritual power and authority is God the Father. To get saved, you only have to believe one thing: God raised Jesus from the dead.

#### STUDY IT

- I. It's important, after we are born again, to learn and know about the authority we have been given.
  - Jesus has given us power and authority (Luke 10:19).
  - Let's review from yesterday: There are two Greek words translated *power*.
    - *Dunamis* means "inherent power," "explosive power."
    - *Exousia* means "power found in authority."
  - Jesus said He gave us authority (*exousia*) over the power (*dunamis*) of the enemy.
  - God backs up the authority He gave us with His power.
  
- II. The source of our spiritual power and authority is God the Father.
  - The book of Ephesians tells us three specific things: who we are, the absolute authority God has given us and what God expects from us.
  - Kenneth E. Hagin realized that we could make the prayers that Paul prayed over the Church into personal daily prayers (Ephesians 3:14-21; Colossians 1:9-12).
  - Praying Paul's prayer daily is a good thing (Ephesians 1:17-23).
    - This prayer will allow God's Spirit to increase your wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus.
    - Pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened.
      - It's good to read God's Word, and with the enlightening of the Holy Spirit, you can understand and apply His Word.
      - The Holy Spirit inspired God's Word. He *is* the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, and He reveals the meaning of the Word to us.
  - The prayer in Ephesians gives us the right to know God's plan.
    - We can know what is the hope of His calling—which is Christ in us the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).
    - We can know what is the inheritance in the saints. We have inherited God and He inherited us, and within us is God's glory.



- We can get enlightenment on God's exceeding greatness to us who believe.
  - God's greatness was seen in His mighty power, when He raised Jesus from the dead, and set Jesus at His own right hand, above all other beings.
    - ★ Jesus became sin. It took God's power to raise Jesus from the dead.
    - ★ Satan and all his forces were arrayed to resist God and His purposes.
    - ★ However, the devil was overthrown and the risen Lord Jesus was enthroned far above him, ruling with the authority of the Most High God.
  - God put all things under the feet of Jesus, and made Jesus to be the Head over all to the Church, which is His Body.
  - Jesus *is* the fullness of God.

III. To get saved you only have to believe one thing; that God raised Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 2:8).

- We are joined with Jesus (Colossians 2:12-14).
  - We were buried with Him in baptism; and we are risen with Him through faith in what God has done for us.
  - Jesus offered Himself as a substitute for man. There wasn't anyone else who could do it. Jesus bore what we would have had to bear. After three days and nights, God the Father said, "It is enough."
  - God used the greatest display of His power that's ever been used to raise Jesus from the dead and put Him in His high place of authority.
  - God did the raising. When God raised Jesus, He raised us and made us alive with Jesus. God has forgiven us of all our sins.
  - It was God the Father who defeated the devil and displayed his defeat.
    - The devil had proudly said that he was going to put his throne in heaven and take over God's kingdom.
    - God made a show of the defeat of the devil so everyone could see.
- That same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the source of your authority.

Additional scriptures: Romans 6:23, 10:9-10; Matthew 27:46

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Billye Brim said, "God used His omnipotence in the greatest display of His power that's ever been written in the Word of God, when He raised Jesus from the dead."

Write what this statement means to you.

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### DAY 4 – CALLED TO RULE AND REIGN IN CHRIST

What you know about your authority in Christ can be a matter of life and death. Everything God did was for us. He made us alive with Jesus. Receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and join in with God's divine purpose, which He has had throughout the ages.

### STUDY IT

- I. What you know about your authority in Christ can be a matter of life and death.
  - God wants to increase our wisdom and revelation in three areas:
    1. God wants us to know the hope of His calling.
    2. God wants us to enjoy the riches of the glory of His inheritance.
    3. God desires us to benefit from the exceeding greatness of His power.
      - The greatest power of God was used to raise Jesus from the dead. That's resurrection power.
      - The prayer in Ephesians 1:17-23 asks God to give us who believe, revelation of this power.
  
- II. Everything God did was for us.
  - The cross revealed the obedience of Jesus and the crushing defeat of the enemy.
  - Jesus, the representative of man, overcame for us and prepared (through His own work) a throne and a heavenly ministry for those who overcome through Him.
  - We identify with Jesus in His resurrection from the dead and His placement far above everything else, and He has been given the Headship of all things to the Church, which is His Body.
    - God who is rich in mercy toward us even when we were dead in sin, has made us alive with Christ by grace (Ephesians 2:4-5).
    - God raised us up together and made us sit together with Christ.
  - God raised Jesus up to be the Head of the Body. Jesus is the Head. We are the Body.
  - When God made Jesus alive, God made us alive. When God seated Jesus, He seated us in Him. The Head and the Body are naturally raised together.
  - We are the Body of Christ, the Church, the *ekklesia*, the assembly.





### III. God made us alive with Jesus.

- We sit with Christ in the heavenlies. We occupy, with Jesus Christ, the same position in heaven as Jesus.
  - This is the birthright of every true believer, of every born-again child of God.
- Jesus said He had authority, and He told us to "Go" (Matthew 28:18-19).
- The devil was defeated and an open show was made of him (Colossians 2:12-15).
  - Now the devil and demons must obey Jesus and every knee must bow. They must also obey you!
- When Jesus sat down at the right hand of God the Father, that throne became the center of the power of all creation.
  - The right to exercise the power of the throne was given to Jesus (Hebrews 8:1).
  - We share in the authority Jesus' throne represents. We are allowed to exercise the power of Jesus over the enemy.
- Things will change when you use authority.

### IV. Receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord now!

- The devil rebelled and became a thief. He stole authority from Adam.
  - Jesus came and got the authority back. Jesus paid an awesome price for us. That's how we got free.
- In the past, we lived according to darkness in obedience to Satan (Ephesians 2:2).
  - But now, we have authority over demons that work through people.
- Satan is the god of this world or the prince of this world. He tempted Jesus, and said he could give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world.
- Satan has been defeated, but he's still working in people who are rebellious against God.
- The devil tries to bother people with drugs, sorcery and demonic activity. You take authority over the enemy who comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).

### V. God had a divine purpose throughout the ages.

- God's purpose is that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall say that Jesus is Lord (Romans 14:11; Isaiah 45:23).
- Isaiah also said that God's Word will not return to Him empty (Isaiah 55:11). What God says *will* happen.
- God has redeemed a people, that's us, to be higher in power than the demons in the mid heavens.
- God placed us there above them, and we will defeat them!

Additional scriptures: Ephesians 1:17-19, 2:1-6, 22; Genesis 25:31-33; Luke 4:6;  
John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; Luke 4:6; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Isaiah 24:21;  
Daniel 10:13





## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Get involved with God's divine purpose! Use the spiritual authority He has given you to command that God's will be done in your life and all around you.

List the places in your city, county, state and nation that you will command to line up with God's will! For example: schools, shopping areas, public places, government buildings and employees. Pray every day with your spiritual authority, and expect change!

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### DAY 5 – TAKE YOUR PLACE WITH CHRIST

Take your place with Christ, and use the authority God has given you. Part of God's purpose is to use Jesus and the believers to destroy the works of the devil. It's time for us to be doers of God's Word. We must be conscious and thankful each day for the authority God has given us. Every morning, Billye Brim takes her place in Christ and declares her authority.

### STUDY IT

- I. Take your place with Christ, and use the authority God has given you.
  - When God raised Jesus, the Head, from the dead; God raised us. When God seated Jesus, the Head, on the throne of authority; God seated us, the Body.
  - God hid the mystery called the Church and its purpose until Jesus rose from the dead.
  - Here is the mystery: God intended that the principalities and powers in the heavenlies might know the wisdom of God that has been purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ephesians 3:9-11).
  - Satan rebelled against God, and he worked on Adam and Eve until they rebelled against God.
  - Jesus defeated Satan and made a show of him openly (Colossians 2:15).
- II. God's purpose was to use Jesus and the believers to destroy the devil and his evil (Ephesians 3:10, *KJV, AMPC, Weymouth*).
  - The Church is to display God's wisdom. When you take your authority, you are fulfilling God's plan for the ages. You are doing the will of God.
  - Jesus has given the authority to His Body. He wants you to put down the demons, ruin their plans and stop their activities.
  - When the devil hurts you, it does not bring God glory. But when you rule and reign over the devil, God's plan is validated.
  - We demonstrate God's purpose as we take our place of authority to rule and reign.
- III. It's time for you to become a doer of God's Word (James 1:22).
  - If you believe you have been given authority by God over the demonic realm, say this with us:

- “Lord, I accept Your gracious Word. I believe that You have given me authority. In humble faith, I do now take my seat in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus at Your right hand (Ephesians 2: 5-6).
- “Teach me how to fulfill this sacred ministry, how to exercise the authority which You have entrusted to me.
- “Train me day by day that I may grow up to be who you made me in Christ, so that in me Your purpose of the ages may be fulfilled.”

IV. We must be conscious and thankful each day for the authority God has given us.

- The powers of the air are subject to us as we use the authority God gave us. We will find the spiritual forces yielding in ways that will surprise us.
- We will pray prayers of petitions less and less. We will command with the authority God gave us, that demonic activity leave and stop, and our desires will be evident.
- When we stop the devil, God’s will is done, and we don’t always have to ask that things change. Things will change as the devil is pushed back.
- It’s our choice to use our authority to stop evil or not.

V. Every morning, Billye Brim sits (because kings sit) and declares her authority (Romans 5:17, *AMPC*).

- Billye Brim demonstrated how she takes authority over the kingdom of darkness.
  - She tells Satan what he can’t touch and what he can’t do.
  - Then she spends time praising God.
  - This is not a religious thing. It’s our responsibility and our authority.
  - Whatever we bind is bound. Whatever we loose is loosed. Heaven backs us up as we bind these demonic forces (Matthew 18:18).
- The purpose of everything in life is to give glory to God (Colossians 3:17).
  - When we manifest God to the principalities, our Father is glorified.
- The devil has no choice. He must obey what we say by faith. Use the principle of binding and loosing. God will back up what you say in faith.
- Take time to spend with the Lord and get in agreement with what He says. Use your spiritual authority!

Additional scriptures: 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Colossians 1:13

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

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