CALLING TO GREATNESS
OPERATING WITH AUTHORITY(6)

Prov 29:2 --The Righteous walk in authority.
Titus 2:15- Rebuke with ALL authority- Demons attack us because we do not
WALK IN AUTHORITY. They attack the Church when the Pastor does not walk in
authority.

There are 3 MAIN SPIRITUAL ATTACKS in a CHURCH:
1. SPIRIT OF ABsolom- A Spirit that causes DIVISION and REBELLION.
2. SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL- A Spirit that causes PEOPLE TO TURN AWAY FROM GOD.
3. SPIRIT OF THE PYTHON- A Spirit that causes the SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD to
rule the Church

Jesus came to this world because he KNEW THAT HE WAS THE SON OF GOD, that is
why when he spoke" HE SPOKE WITH AUTHORITY".
So many Christians open their mouths and pray yet “demons” do not flee, sicknesses is
not healed, curses are not broken” it is because they do not have the AUTHORITY OF
GOD.

When you have AUTHORITY you will have INFLUENCE. You will have INFLUENCE to:
1. SPEAK into the AIR- the ATMOSPHERE will CHANGE.
2. COMMAND the DEMON to depart- the demon will LEAVE.
3. REBUKE the DISEASE - the sick will be HEALED.

Hence FOR you be a MAN OF AUTHORITY it is not “WHO YOU ARE” it is “WHAT
YOU CARRY”.

What you carry is the:

1. PRESENCE OF GOD WITHIN,
2. POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT
3. IMAGE and LIKENESS of GOD.

All these IMPARTATIONS that you CARRY makes you SIMPLY the BEST PERSON to
CARRY and WALK with the AUTHORITY OF GOD and the MANDATE OF GOD.

As a CHRISTIAN, A BREAKTHROUGH BELIEVER and one who is SIMPLY THE
BEST you must WALK IN AUTHORITY.

Imagine when you walk WITH AUTHORITY, :

a) The DEMONS move aside.

b) They TREMBLE within.

c) They come RUNNING to BOW before you.

d) The ATMOSPHERE changes.

God have given us AUTHORITY to destroy those who rise up and attack us.

When we destroy something with the authority of God NOTHING can bring it back.

To walk in authority we walk in confidence, knowing and believing in ourself, without
fear, not a single AREA of doubt about anything.

We have authority, because our full trust is in GOD.

Jesus walked with authority, he did not doubt GOD and he was not intimidated through
the mocking and persecution. He WALKED with AUTHORITY.
When we WALK IN AUTHORITY we will PUT AN END first of the INTIMIDATIONS WITHIN us and then of the INFLUENCES OUTSIDE.

Satan will INTIMIDATE YOU just as he will INTIMIDATE the CHURCH and the PASTOR.

When you WALK IN AUTHORITY this AUTHORITY will:

1. **KILL THE INTIMIDATION OF YOUR CHARACTER:** (Ex 3: 11)

Nehemiah was not a ‘Feeble man”, he was a NOBLE MAN. Satan used his enemies to INTIMIDATE his CHARACTER. Just like the first area that Satan will intimidate in the Church is the CHARACTER OF THE PASTOR. So also Satan will INTIMIDATE YOU CHARACTER.

Satan will INTIMIDATE your:

1. ABILITIES- Am I good enough???
2. MIND- What will people think of me.
3. IDENTITY- Who are you, just a young boy, or an old lady, etc.
4. WEAKNESSES- Your fears, doubts, sinfulness etc…

**AUTHORITY WILL BUILD YOUR CHARACTER.**

2. **KILL THE INTIMIDATION OF YOUR MOTIVES**(Neh 4:2)

Satan will always question your reasons for doing what you want to do. Like in Nehemiah’s case, he used his enemies to “QUESTION” why he was rebuilding the Temple.

Once Satan “questions” our motives, this will create:

1. DOUBTS- of your role in doing what you want to do.
2. GUILT- No matter what you do there is always this feeling of “guilt.”
3. CONFUSION- You now do not know what you are doing is right or wrong.

**AUTHORITY WILL GIVE YOU CLEAR MOTIVES.**

3. **KILL THE INTIMIDATION OF YOUR QUALIFICATION** (Matt 21:23)

The Scribes and Pharisees QUESTIONED Jesus as to whose “AUTHORITY” HE WAS OPERATING UNDER. Satan will use people to question even the Pastor, whether he has any degree or Doctorate etc.. so also with you, people will question whose “Authority” you are operating under. This attack will affect the CALL OF GOD in your life. This will make you feel THAT YOU ARE:
1) NOT GOOD ENOUGH - You will feel inadequate.
2) INFERIOR - You will feel small if there are people of higher education or knowledge around you.
3) NERVOUS - Everytime you want to say or do something, you will look all around you.

AUTHORITY WILL AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY YOU.

4) KILL THE INTIMIDATION OF YOUR ZEAL (Neh 4:2)

The enemies of Nehemiah all laughed and mocked them, questioning whether they could finish the work. There will be people in the Church who will try to slow you down with all their comments and criticisms. No matter what you do, they will always have something to say. This will make you feel:

1) LETARGIC - You will feel like giving up.
2) DOWNHEARTED - You will not have the heart to carry on.
3) CONSCIOUS - You will always be looking at what people say.

AUTHORITY WILL FIRE YOUR ZEAL.

5) KILL THE INTIMIDATION OF YOUR GRACE (Neh 4:2)

The people questioned Nehemiah if they had the POWER to do what they wanted to do. Just as the people “mocked Jesus” on the Cross telling him to “come down” from the cross. People around you will question and make fun of you when you pray and nothing happens. This will make you feel that:

1) GOD IS NOT WITH YOU - You will feel that God is not working in your life.
2) HIS POWER IS NOT FLOWING THROUGH YOU - You will feel powerless.
3) YOU ARE NOT RIGHTEOUS ENOUGH - You will always feel like a sinner.

AUTHORITY WILL INCREASE YOUR LEVEL OF GRACE.

6) KILL THE INTIMIDATION OF YOUR HOPE (Neh 4:3)

The people told Nehemiah that even the fox could bring down the walls, the fox is a tiny animal and yet it could bring down the walls they had built. People will say that there is NO FUTURE in your Church or your WORK OF THE LORD, and when things go wrong, they will laugh at you. This will make you feel:

1) THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR YOU - Life will seem there is no purpose in it.
2) NO JOY WITHIN YOU - No matter how much God can bless you yet you will not have Joy.
3) DEMORALIZED - You will not have the confidence to carry on.

AUTHORITY WILL BRING YOU TO YOUR DESTINY.
**All these INTIMIDATIONS will OPERATE in your life when you DO NOT WALK IN AUTHORITY. That is why CHRISTIANS MUST WALK IN AUTHORITY.**

**WALKING IN AUTHORITY will:**

1. **MAKE YOU MORE THAN A CONQUEROR**— DEMONS will **WALK ASIDE** and **RUN AWAY** when they see you coming. *(Matt 8:28-30)*

2. **THE ATMOSPHERE CAN BE CHANGED**— The **WEATHER** can be changed when you **SPEAK** into the atmosphere. *(Matt 8:26)*

3. **PEOPLE WILL HOLD YOU IN HIGH ESTEEM**— People around you will **ADMIRE** you and **HOLD** you in high regard. *(Acts 3:10)*

4. **PEOPLE WILL LISTEN TO YOU**— Whatever you say people will **LISTEN TO YOU** and they will **OBEY** your voice. *(Acts 22:2)*

5. **PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW YOU**— People will see what you carry and to ask them to **JOIN YOU** will never be a problem, they will **FOLLOW YOU** *(Mk 10:28)*

6. **YOU WILL BE A LEADER**— People will see in you **LEADERSHIP QUALITIES**, they will make you the **HEAD** and not the **TAIL**. *(2Sam 2: 4)*

7. **HEALING WILL TAKE PLACE**— When you **SPEAK THE WORD** there will be **HEALING** taking place. *(Acts 3: 3-6)*

This **AUTHORITY** has been given to you by the **FACT** that you:

1. **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**
2. **BELIEVE IN HIS WORD.**
3. **CARRY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**
4. **WASHED BY HIS BLOOD.**
5. **SET FREE BY HIM ON THE CROSS.**
6. **LIVING BY HIS WORD.**