

AUTHORITY PART 4 – FORCEFULLY ADVANCING

God gives us spiritual authority, but he expects us to exercise that authority first in our minds before we exercise authority elsewhere.

Much of our spiritual battles take place in the mind.

When our thoughts and our words and our actions line up with the word of God, we come under authority, therefore we can exercise authority.

We only need faith the size of a mustard seed to move impossible things in our lives.

We ought to speak into the lives of others and encourage them, or in others words, put courage into them.

We are not to have an attitude of fear, rather we are to be subject to the Holy Spirit.

Believers can develop an attitude of fear or they can become subject to a spirit of fear.

Adam and Eve became fearful that if they didn't eat the forbidden fruit they would be missing out.

After they ate, they felt shame, which is a form of fear, which caused them to hide from God.

Even though God commanded the Israelites to enter the promised land, they failed to enter because of fear, they were paralyzed with fear.

We must overcome fear in our lives, but that does not happen without a battle.

We must have an “I won't quit” attitude.

We are not to shrink back when God has commanded us to do something.

In other words we are not to draw back or retreat.

Let's say we are working a job where there is room for advancement.

If we have a good boss, they will want us to do well so that we can advance.

We have a good boss, our heavenly father.

There is room for advancement in God's kingdom, in fact, his kingdom is advancing.

God wants us to advance in the kingdom and he wants us to advance the kingdom.

At times in our lives, a “faith challenge” will come up which moves us into transition.

Then we have a time of evaluation and then transition into alignment with what God wants.

But during that transition we often move back and forth between evaluation and alignment until we finally align with God.

After we align with God he gives us the instructions we need to get out of transition and we advance!

Do not let your hearts be troubled when you go through difficulties or troubles.

Fear can come in through so many ways; worry, stress, insecurity, terror, etc, etc.

We need to surrender old thoughts and shame.

We need to surrender the idea that things will never change.

We need to surrender sinful mindsets, thoughts that set our minds on the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

It's time to be part of a victorious church.

God's people are commanded to be forceful in many ways.

We have the authority to kick in the doors of fear that the enemy puts there, but you have to identify it.

You have to be determined that you are not going to operate in fear or in shame.

That you are not going to think thoughts of insecurity, not going to think that things are always going to be this way, not going to be afraid to share the gospel with people, not going to be afraid to say who your voting for and why, etc.

SCRIPTURE LIST

2 Timothy 1:7

Romans 12:2

Genesis 3:10

Matthew 11:12

Hebrews 10:36-39

Luke 16:16

