

WOW! Great services! I'm having fun with this. Love y'all.

MYESE (**M**ay **Y**ou **E**xperience **S**upernatural **E**levation!)

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Part 5: Elevate Your Life

Text:

Ephesians 2:6-7 (NIV) - "***And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,*** in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Luke 9:1-2 (NIV) - "When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Mark 11:27-28 (NIV) - "They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you authority to do this?"

A. Our theme for 2013 is "Elevate Your Life!"

1. This year, God wants you to experience supernatural elevation in every part of your life.
2. To experience elevation, you must exercise spiritual authority over your own future, rather than allowing the enemy to accomplish the plans he has designed for you.

3. One problem people experience in exercising spiritual authority is accepting the fact that an enemy is plotting to do you harm. He constantly strives to invalidate every promise God has made and to cancel every blessing He wants to send your way.
4. Even worse is the fact that the enemy persuades us to blame God for the evil **he** has done. Yes, there really is an enemy working "full-time" against you!
5. **Joke:** "Divorce Attorney"
Our enemy is much like the middle-aged, balding man in the post office who was methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes covered with hearts. Then he reached for a perfume bottle and began spraying a lovely fragrance over all the envelopes.
A man standing nearby was so curious, he approached the balding man and asked what he was doing. The man replied, "I'm sending out a thousand "I Love You" cards signed, "Guess who?"
"But why?" asked the stranger.
The guy with the envelopes said, "I'm a divorce attorney."
6. By taking spiritual authority, we can prevent the enemy from fulfilling his evil plans.

"The Twelve Dimensions of Spiritual Authority!"

- B. Last week, we discussed twelve of the most common types of secular authority.
 1. As pointed out, various aspects of the secular are also included in the spiritual. This is why we chose to explain the secular before discussing true spiritual authority.
 2. The one exception to this rule is coercive authority. It will never be involved in the true. Yet, this is the definition most people refer to when speaking about spiritual authority.

3. The authority most often seen in action is a combination of several types. For example, the President of the United States has been delegated by the voters to lead our nation, at least partially because he is persuasive and has charisma.
4. Since this appointment is legislated by our constitution, the President will function in delegated, legislated, persuasive, and charismatic types of authority.
5. An authority comprised of several types is greater and more powerful than a single-dimensional authority.
 - a. A doctor who has a relationship and obvious concern for his patients is more compelling than just being a good physician who knows how to diagnose and treat illnesses.

C. Some types of secular authority are more powerful and impacting than others.

1. Certain authorities have a greater capacity to do good and to prevent evil. This is why legislated authority is more powerful than persuasive authority.
 - a. A police officer with a badge and a gun has a far greater ability to prevent someone from committing a heinous crime than the criminal's Aunt Sally, who is a fantastic salesperson with persuasive authority.
 - b. Because of his technical authority, a brain surgeon can save a child's life by removing a tumor. The child's mother may have a much greater relational authority with her son or daughter, but she is helpless to remove a tumor.
2. While coercive authority is one of the most powerful types—it can also be the most wicked and harmful.
 - a. For instance, a criminal with a gun has the power to take a life.
 - b. Wars led by despots in the Congo have killed 5.5 million!

- c. Dictators, such as Hitler and Stalin, have snuffed out the lives of 30 million of their own countrymen.

D. The Kingdom of God also has different levels and dimensions of authority.

1. There are different dimensions of faith.
 - a. **Romans 1:17 (NKJV)** - "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."
2. There are different dimensions of glory.
 - a. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)** - "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of The Lord."
3. There are also different levels of prayer, giving, revelation, worship, anointing, etc.
4. Even suffering has different levels. While some only experience personal suffering, others have learned to enter into the sufferings of Christ.
5. Living in the Kingdom gives us an opportunity to grow. Just as the secular has different types of authority, so does the spiritual realm.
 - a. Spiritual dimensions are often progressive. To move forward to the next level, a breakthrough may be required in your present level.

E. I believe it is a mistake to suppose that we automatically gain full spiritual authority the moment we are saved.

1. When you believe the Gospel and are saved, you become a child of God. As Paul explained to the Galatians, you are now an heir—even though you're not mature enough to receive full authority.

2. **John 14:2 (NIV)** - "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"
3. The kingdom has different "rooms." I believe this refers to dimensions.
4. The word *mansion* actually means: "places to stay." The Kingdom has many places to stay.
5. To move from one place to another requires having the proper key.
6. **Matthew 16:19 (NIV)** - "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
 - a. "Whatever" in the Greek literally means "if" or "in case." To bind or loose requires having the key that fits.

F. Let's quickly identify the twelve dimensions of spiritual authority and then follow-up in the next couple of weeks with more thorough teaching.

1. Understand that mastering just one dimension will transform your life!
2. Should you master two or more, people will stand aside to let you pass.
3. However, should a church congregation master all twelve, they would literally be transported to the days of "The Acts of the Apostles!"

G. Twelve Dimensions of Spiritual Authority

1. **Authority Over Self**

- a. "Self" includes a mastery of emotions, thoughts and the flesh.
- b. **Galatians 5:16 (NIV)** - "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."
- c. Before successfully exercising authority over the other eleven, you must first gain authority over self. Otherwise, you can expect numerous problems and enormous dysfunction.

2. **Authority Within a Family Structure**

- a. **Genesis 18:19 (KJV)** - "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

3. **Authority Over Secular Affairs**

- a. God is raising up those who have a kingly anointing.
- b. **Proverbs 11:10-11 (NIV)** - "When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy. Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed."
- c. Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Daniel are all examples of secular authority.

4. **Authority Within the Structure of a Ministry**

- a. Jesus' authority in ministry was demonstrated when He plaited a whip and drove the money changers out of the temple.
- b. Sending two disciples to retrieve a colt that had never been ridden and the act of driving money changers from the temple prompted the Pharisees to ask about His authority to do such things.

5. **Authority Over Demonic Systems**

- a. With this authority, Jesus addressed the evil forces that triggered a demonic demonstration.
- b. **Mark 1:27-28 (NKJV)** - "Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee."

- c. The disciples encountered a similar situation while Jesus was on the Mount of Transfiguration. They could not cast out demon spirits that were trying to destroy a young boy's life.
- d. Jesus warned that some demonic systems could be subdued only through prayer and fasting.

6. Authority Over Resources

- a. This authority was demonstrated when Jesus sent two disciples to retrieve a colt that had never been ridden.
- b. On another occasion, He sent Peter to catch a fish with a coin in its mouth that would pay their taxes.
- c. Authority over resources was also practiced when Jesus blessed a few loaves and fishes that would feed a multitude of people.

7. Authority Over Seasons

- a. When Jesus cursed a fig tree for having no fruit—though it was not the season for ripe figs, He demonstrated authority over seasons.
- b. The season was changed when Jesus instructed the disciples to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. The result was such a huge catch of fish, their nets began to break.
- c. When Jesus fed the multitude, He first had to accelerate the seasons of growth and harvest.
- d. **Daniel 2:20-22 (NKJV)** - "Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him."

8. Authority Over Communities

- a. One definition for the word "community" could be: *a particular ethnicity*. I'm thinking of what God is doing in Europe. The greatest

move of the Spirit is among African people who have settled in Europe.

- b. A community could also be a group of people from a certain socio-economic strata or a particular geographic location.

9. Authority Over Regions

- a. A city is much larger than a community; “they filled Jerusalem with their doctrine.”
- b. Jesus commissioned the disciples to preach the Gospel in all of Judea and Samaria—which were geographical regions much larger than a city.

10. Authority Over Disease

- a. The ministry of healing is genuine and authentic. I've known people with this gift who had authority to pray for certain ailments with great success. However, when they prayed for other sicknesses, the results were not the same.
- b. We must pray for a breakthrough in diseases, such as cancer, diabetes, sickle cell and HIV.

11. Authority Over Dimensions

- a. Because the kingdom of darkness is hierarchical, every new level has its own “pharaoh.” Each level could also have its own place of captivity, wilderness and Promised Land.
- b. When you graduate to a new level, the first demonic spirit to be encountered will be the “pharaoh” of that dimension.

12. Authority Over Nature

- a. This authority was demonstrated in the parting of the Red Sea, the sun standing still, etc.
- b. **Matthew 8:23-27 (NKJV)** - “Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was

asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

- c. Can you imagine what would happen today if the church would perform miracles comparable to parting the waters of the Red Sea—that could not be explained away or denied?

H. Life Application Points:

1. How then can such spiritual authority be exercised in our lives....our families...our communities...our world?
2. Obviously, we must learn who we are in Christ!
3. Believers must learn to recognize and submit to spiritual authorities God has placed in their lives.
4. Believers must become spiritually mature.
5. What is the evidence of spiritual maturity?
 - a. Decisions we make
 - b. Purpose for our lives
 - c. Controlled emotions
6. Believers must become faithful in their stewardship.