

Week 8: Living a Spirit-Empowered, Authority-Filled Life

Review:

Hinderances of Mountain Movers – The Lies and Deception of the Enemy (adapted from **Neil T. Anderson** *the Bondage Breaker*)

- Hearing the Word but not doing the Word (James 1:22; 1 Peter 1:13)
- Denying that we have sin (Rom. 6:12; 1 John 1:8)
- Thinking we are something that we are not (Rom. 12:3; Galatians 6:3)
- Viewing ourselves as being wise (1 Cor. 3:18, 19)
- Acting religiously but we talk too much (James 1:26)
- Denying the principle of sowing and reaping (Gal. 6:7)
- Accepting that the unrighteous will inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9, 10)
- Keeping corrupt company (1 Cor. 15:33)

New Material

Key Scriptures: Acts 4:31, Galatians 5:25, Matthew 5:13–16

Core Idea:

Spiritual authority is meant for daily living and Kingdom impact.

Learning Objectives:

- A Spirit-filled life is bold, missional, and surrendered.
- The church should look different when the Spirit leads.
- Authority should produce the results of freedom, healing, transformation.

Attributes of Authority – Acts 4:31 – 34

Characteristics for Spiritual Authority:

- Missional for us to be ministers of the gospel.
- Boldness for we have been empowered (Acts 1:8).
- Blessed to each other because of the unity we have in Jesus.
- Surrendered to the Spirit of God and His order (1 cor. 12:27 – 31).

Attitude of Authority – Galatians 5:24 – 26

The attitude of Spiritual Authority is evident:

- Selflessness (v. 24) passions and desires are under the Spirit of self-control.
- Actionable (v. 25) behaviors that exemplify a higher standard of living (Rom. 6:6 – 8).
- Encouraging (v. 26) living with the mindset of one being bountifully supplied (Phil. 2:3-4).

Effects of Authority – Matthew 5:13 – 15

Spiritual Authority affects the others:

- Preserve from corruption and Enhance with righteousness. (Healing properties)
- Light the way forward to all in your sphere of influence. (transformation)
- Be present so that your works are seen and the Father is given glory. (1 Peter 2:11 – 12)