

Week 4: Understanding Delegated Authority

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God has delegated spiritual authority to believers to rule, resist the enemy, and walk in obedience through intimacy with Him

Key Scriptures

- Luke 10:19
- Genesis 1:26
- James 4:7

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will:

1. Understand what delegated authority means biblically.
2. Identify areas where spiritual authority should be exercised.
3. Learn the difference between authority and control.
4. Recognize the importance of intimacy with God while using authority.
5. Practice applying Scripture in spiritual situations.

I. Opening Prayer & Introduction

Icebreaker Question

- Have you ever been given responsibility or authority for something important?
- How did you handle it?

Introduce Core Idea

God did not create believers to live defeated lives. He has given spiritual authority to His people through Christ.

II. Scripture Study & Teaching

A. Authority Given by God (Genesis 1:26)

“Let them have dominion...”

- _____ was created to reflect God’s rule on earth.
- _____ means _____ and _____ responsibility.

- _____ begins with a _____.
- God’s authority is delegated, not self-created.
- We operate under God’s power, not our own.

Discussion Question

- What responsibilities come with authority?

B. Authority Through Christ (Luke 10:19)

“I have given you authority...”

- _____ must be exercised, not merely believed.
- _____ have authority over the enemy.

Student Reflection

- Where have I remained spiritually passive? _____
- What situations need prayer and spiritual boldness? _____

Discussion Question

- What does it mean to “use” spiritual authority? _____

C. Submission and Resistance (James 4:7)

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil...”

- _____ without intimacy with God becomes dangerous or ineffective.

Key Principle

Intimacy with God strengthens spiritual authority.

Discussion Question

- Why is submission to God necessary before resisting the enemy? _____
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III. Group Discussion Activity

Small Group Questions

1. Where have you been passive spiritually?
2. What fears keep believers from walking in authority?
3. How can intimacy with God protect us from misusing authority?
4. What Scriptures help you stand firm spiritually?

Group Share

Allow groups to report one key insight.

IV. Practical Application Exercise

Activity 1: Speaking Scripture

Have students practice declaring Scripture over situations such as:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Activity 2: Identify Areas Requiring Authority

Students write down:

- _____
- _____
- _____
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V. Closing Summary

Review Key Truths

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