



## Authority to Bring Correction

*(This article contains teaching from Father which he revealed to Kriston Couchey)<sup>1</sup>*

I have known for many, many years that the right person to bring correction in any situation is the one with the authority to do so. This fact is of utmost importance with spiritual correction and where correction requires the appropriate spiritual authority to bring it about.

I have also known, for that same length of time, that many people usurp spiritual authority and so bring confusion and chaos, because they inadvertently open a door for the enemy to operate when they do it. That is the reason why I started this series.

The basis for ‘overstepping the mark’ to bring invalid correction, is often based in criticism, pride, ignorance or self-importance within the correcting person. One way to prevent false correction occurring is to not allow critical individuals access to seats of responsibility or authority that they have no right to be seated in. This relates to the home, family, *ekklesia*, workplace, governance, etc. These people allow the critical spirit to bring other spirits into play, which wreak havoc in these places, especially if they are allowed to continue unchallenged and neutralised.

Father has made it clear that this type of critical behaviour will not be tolerated. Therefore, we must align with his mind and quickly learn to deal with critical behaviour and the correction that is brought on others.

It is not wrong to watch for, identify and disdain behaviours or attitudes that are evil. The important thing for sons, is not to be drawn into those behaviours and attitudes through over-focusing on them or by reacting to them instead of responding. For example: It’s very easy to become critical when dealing with critical people’s actions and statements.

Responding to an urge to bring correction requires us to appraise with our spirit to see if there is a check from Holy Spirit that what we intend to do or say is inappropriate under the current status of spiritual authority. That requires us to stop and assess ourselves mentally before we step out to bring correction. There is often an urgency to do or say something on the ‘spur of the moment’, but that’s when we fail in our spiritual duty. **Always pause before you bring any correction.**

*“The right to confront has at its core the work of the Holy Spirit, who alone gives responsibility with the authority to confront. To confront without the legitimacy of Spirit directed responsibility inherently brings harm and does not carry Spirit-led authority and conviction. Thus, trying to confront someone or something that is beyond our sphere of authority and responsibility can inadvertently bring forth a critical spirit. We must know when we have been given the authority and responsibility by Father to confront with correction, lest it turn from correction to criticism.”<sup>2</sup>*

The authority to confront in any state of affairs is the exclusive domain of the person who has been given responsibility in the situation, location or group. It is never the prerogative of the person who has been offended by sin, rejection, false doctrine, illegality, etc. That’s because proper confrontation from a Kingdom perspective does not flow from a heart of criticism. Father’s heart is always motivated to bring about reconciliation and restoration, not destruction.

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1 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:44-46]

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2 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:45]



*“Spiritual authority is a responsibility given by Father to preserve, protect or purify whatever and whom ever are within the person’s sphere of spiritual influence. We only have the authority to confront in the spheres of influence where we have been given personal responsibility by Father Himself.”<sup>3</sup>*

For example: As a father of small children in any situation where someone is trying to get at them, hurt them, offend them, or discipline them without warrant, I will confront the person to protect what’s under my supervision and oversight. As a parent, I have the right and responsibility to do that, both privately and civically. Under the same parental authority (at the moment under civil law, anyway) I’ll also confront and correct my children if they are ‘out-of-line’, for their own protection and welfare.

This same responsibility to confront and correct is implicit in the Kingdom, but it is based on spiritual authority, not natural or civil authority. Sons have authority in any sphere of responsibility that the Trinity gives to them. This authority is to confront and correct both evil and spiritual error, whether it’s in their home or the *ekklesia*, even in business where they have a role of oversight or management.

Criticism among believers is the biggest cause of division among them. This criticism comes from any one of: thinking they know better; believing they are more spiritual; believing they have better spiritual insight; jealousy; pride; Jezebel spirit; and much more. Criticism often comes out of a person’s need to elevate themselves in importance by finding fault in others. Criticism easily morphs, through presumption, into trying to correct others (including leaders) over whom there is no spiritual responsibility or even any relationship of trust. In most cases, I believe, they have no leading by the Spirit to do so.

**IMPORTANT:** “Confrontation, when led by the Holy Spirit, is done with an understanding of one’s own weakness...”<sup>4</sup>

Criticism makes judgements outside of Father’s heart and his intention is to always restore and make things, situations and people whole. Correcting done outside of Father’s heart, even when a person has authority or spiritual authority to do so, will not be as effective as it should be. Even correcting someone out of human love is nowhere near as successful as doing it out of Father’s heart.

Our desire, therefore, should be for Father to give us eyes to see anything in us which allows (or has allowed) a critical or accusing spirit to corrupt and undermine his purposes for our lives. Why not ask him for that insight.

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