



The Kingdom Concept of Authority

Father has been my teacher in the things of the Kingdom and for sonship since 2010. Here are some points that have gone into my spirit concerning the concept of Kingdom authority during that time.

- (1) The spirit realm operates under the protocols of authority which are under the headship of the Trinity. They are the ultimate source of all spirit being's authority.
- (2) This spirit-realm authority is not what we call "spiritual authority". That's the term we use to distinguish the authority we operate with in spiritual matters, from any authority that we have in the world.
- (3) The whole of the Kingdom operates under spiritual authority, and nothing in the natural realm has any authority over it or any component of it.
- (4) Our spiritual authority comes under the Kingdom's spiritual authority, because we are a member, a citizen, of the Kingdom.
- (5) So, if non-spiritual beings have no spiritual authority in the spirit realm, then how come we have authority? The answer to that is simple: It's our regenerated spirit, not our physical being which operates in our spiritual authority. Therefore, only those who are genuine spiritually reborn have any spiritual authority. This is why the Gadarene demonic knew that Jesus was The Son of God – he recognised Jesus' spirit, not the man Jesus of Nazareth.
- (6) That means it's our spirit that has authority, not our mortal body. But, because we were created as a tripartite being, where our body, soul and spirit were designed to operate synergistically in union, we are treated as a 'whole' by the spirit realm, and our spirit's authority encompasses all of our being.
- (7) When The Restoration of All Things is complete, and the effects of The Fall are nullified, we will function perfectly as united tripartite beings, and the understanding of it will become plain to us.
- (8) Our authority as sons comes from our position as Father's sons, nothing else.
- (9) We receive this authority as soon as we are spiritually reborn.
- (10) That means, our authority can't be conferred by church authorities, it can't be imparted by the laying on of hands by church leaders, and it can't operate in if we aren't genuine sons. That then means that a religious person has no spiritual authority, unless they've undergone spiritual rebirth and the Spirit resides inside them.
- (11) If only sons have spiritual authority, how come some people, who are not genuine sons, seem to have authority in the spirit realm on occasions? There are two reasons why:
 1. We live under unlimited grace in this New Covenant (NC) Age. That means that Father can answer someone's prayer or desire for the purposes that he alone knows. When he does act on their behalf, it appears in the natural realm that the person is operating in authority.
 2. Rather than Father, the enemy acts for a person in the invisible spirit realm, so it looks like they have authority. He confers authority to people by doing their bidding, as part of his strategy to remain in control of the natural realm, while sons exist who have spiritual authority over him.
- (12) Spiritual beings (all those that are in the spirit realm) know their place in the Trinity's system and they never operate outside of that because spiritual authority is the maxim they operate under. They never step out-of-line, unless they've been given the freedom to choose to do so. This freedom was what allowed Lucifer and one third of the angels to rebel and so be cast out of Heaven.¹
- (13) The spiritual protocols of the spirit realm is why Satan tempted Jesus and Jesus didn't destroy him. He just stood on spiritual truth (spiritual reality, not biblical truth) which countered Satan's authority. It wasn't Jesus' task to do anything more at that time, because he hadn't defeated Satan with his death and resurrection.

1 – SEE: Mike Parsons (7-5-2022) "Fall of Man and Angels" youtu.be/17W0Wflksj0



(14) What spiritual authority does Satan have? When Adam gave in to the suggestions of Nachash,² his authority, and that of all those who were born from his lineage, to rule the natural realm for the Trinity, was transferred to Satan. That's why he's referred to as "the prince of the powers of the air"³.

(15) How come Jesus didn't destroy Satan and his minions when he defeated him on the cross and reintroduced the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth? That's because it's our task to deal with the Kingdom of Darkness using the authority we have as sons. **It's the created authority of sons to deal with, on Earth, whatever's out of alignment with Heaven.** We were created specifically for that role as planet-managers, and it's been returned to us through what Jesus did to wrest the authority back from Satan. We receive that role and authority when we're spiritually reborn.

(16) Sons, therefore, have spiritual authority greater than the angels because we are Father's sons.

(17) Actually, we have deity as Father's sons, because he made us that way and give us that status (even though most people would reject the notion).⁴ That's what it means to be a spirit being made in his image and likeness. Remember, fathers reproduce after their own kind.

(18) Our Kingdom authority (i.e. real spiritual authority) must be used properly, in the right way. That's the responsibility that goes with authority – use it as it was intended by the authorizer.

(19) If a person isn't a genuine son, they can only pretend to use our authority, as it has no 'weight' when they use it.

(20) We can use our Kingdom authority wrongly by operating in it outside the sphere of our authorised jurisdiction.⁵

(21) We need to be schooled by Father in how we are to use our authority, because we use it for him and his purposes, not our own.

(22) It's best, therefore, to allow Holy Spirit to guide us in our use of the authority we have.

(23) That's especially the case when we're operating as kings in our personal kingdom that Father has given us.⁶ For example: Only fathers in a family have the apostolic-like role as king in his family – no one else. It can be usurped by the wife,⁷ but that's a recipe for spiritual disaster.

VERY IMPORTANT⁸

(24): Authority is only obeyed when the person operating in authority stands firmly in their delegated authority, believes in it and doesn't flinch when there is any opposition to it.

(25) We must recognise a person's authority and submit to it if it is greater than ours.

(26) We must find out a person's spiritual authority as soon as we meet them.

(27) Authority can be discerned. However, that ability is only available to us if we're humble enough to allow ourselves to submit to any greater authority – spiritually or in the world system.

(28) Spiritual authority relates to personal kingdoms as well as functions in the *ekklesia*. We must not confuse the two and take authority in the wrong situation.

2 – READ: "Men and Women in the Kingdom #10 – The Coup" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/10-The-Coup.pdf

3 – i.e. "the ruler of the authority of the air" (YLT, DARBY, LEB) or "powers that are above the earth" (EXB)

4 – READ: "Divine Council 101: Lesson 2: Elohim of Psalm 82 – gods or men" thedivinecouncil.com/Psalm_82_overview.pdf

5 – READ: "5-Faith, Foolishness & Presumption"

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/05-Faith-Foolishness-and-Presumption.pdf

6 – SEE: Articles on my "Our Kingship" webpage canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=27384

7 – READ: "10-The Coup" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/10-The-Coup.pdf

8 – 12-5-2022: I received points 25-31 as insights this morning and felt that they needed to be added in this document



(29) Deliberately failing to submit to someone who genuinely has greater authority is rebellion against them and also against the Kingdom, if our heart is not right.

(30) Accidentally failing to submit to a greater authority is 'forgiveable' and can be overlooked, as it was done in ignorance. However, the authority must be acknowledged as soon as the mistake is recognised.

(31) Usurping authority is the way the enemy works in people. Recognise when it's occurring and cease doing it, wherever it's been done.

Over the page are some important points on this topic from Myles Munroe's teaching

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Some Teaching from Myles Munroe

Our Attitude is Wrong

(The following is a transcript from Myles Munroe's video on the topic, edited to remove superfluous content like repetitions.⁹)

“I want to talk from the perspective of God's mind, God's idea about authority. The kingdom of God has its own concept of authority. Now, I have to also contrast that with your country and my country. Countries have their own ideas about authority and one of the greatest challenges of this great nation of the United States, and many other western cultures, is that you have developed a culture that is suspicious of authority. As a matter of fact, your culture almost is afraid of authority. The culture doesn't trust authority. The very word frightens the average American because the very nature of the root of this great nation was built on rebellion against authority. So the seed is in the culture for almost 300 years, and that seed permeates, not only the social culture and the economic culture and the political culture of the country, but it also permeates, sadly to say, the spiritual culture where people don't even trust the authority of their pastor. We would somehow, instead of submitting to authority we would prefer to co-operate with authority. Co-operation means, “I'll trust you until I don't want to trust you any more”. That's co-operation. Co-operation with authority is, “I will follow you until I don't like you any more”. So we have this very serious affair with authority. It's an affair we know we need, but we don't trust it. We know it's good, but we don't want it. We know it's necessary, but we only give it a certain amount of space in our lives and we basically have very serious difficulty with authority.

So my job tonight is to help you to fall in love again with authority. To help you understand that authority is the greatest gift God gave you. It's also your greatest protection and for your safety. I hopefully will also help you understand, in this brief time together, that authority is the number one reason why the church is in such a mess. Because leaders in the church, especially, don't submit to authority, and this is why many of them are fallen . They have no protection. They have no one who can exercise authority in their lives and bring correction and rebuke and even government. When you read the bible, this powerful unique idea about authority, is so strong, that we need to return it to its lofty place.”¹⁰

Important Points From Video

These are the points from Myles' teaching video that are important for us to know:¹¹

- When you are not in your genuine authority, you need high maintenance. That is, when you're doing what you were not born to do, you have to maintain yourself and the cost of that maintenance will be high.
- When you find your area of authority, everything works with you. You don't need maintenance of any kind as it's supplied with the authority. You don't need fake fuel to keep you going. You don't need people to prop you up and to service you all the time.
- When you operate in your genuine spiritual authority, it doesn't wear you out. It invigorates you. You won't say, “This work is killing me”.
- It's the thing you could do which you never want compensation for. When you find something to do that you enjoy and never be paid for it, then you've found your place of authority.
- The most powerful position on Earth exists under authority.
- In our culture, we think the most powerful position we can have is to be free. God disagrees with that premise. Freedom is a Western ideal, not a Kingdom ideal.
- There will never be freedom if there aren't boundaries.

9 – Myles Munroe (2021 upload) “Rediscovering The Kingdom Concept of Authority” youtu.be/mh6yARXme3s [1:25-5:20]

10 – Myles Munroe (2021 upload) “Rediscovering The Kingdom Concept of Authority” youtu.be/mh6yARXme3s [1:25-5:20]

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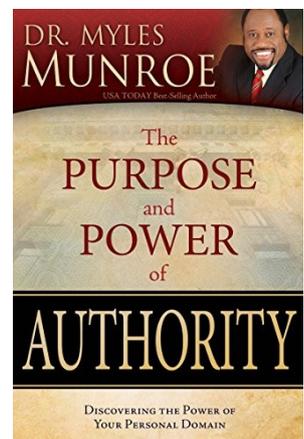
- Freedom without authority is anarchy.
- There has to be some authority to be able to define freedom.
- Things are sweeter when you're under authority.
- Under authority is the safest place to be. It's the most powerful place and the safest place.
- Our authority is the key to our freedom.
- Authority is the key to be free from stress.
- Operating outside of your authority brings self-destruction.
- We aren't able to bind Satan and cast him out, because he knows when we're not operating out of the authority we've been given and we're not submitting to authority.
- Power doesn't come from inside us, it always comes from some authority. We need to be authorized to use it.
- Exercising spiritual power without authority is energy without permission.
- We can take power, but we can't take authority, it has to be given to us.
- When you're under authority, your boldness expands.
- The Greek word for 'authority' in the NT is *octa*. It literally means 'promoter'. That means authority is not about oppressing others, or bringing them down.
- That means, authority releases us to function.
- True authority gives us freedom. Freedom to function in the gifting that goes with the authority and freedom to do what's required.
- Authority is also defined as 'one that originates or creates the source'.
- Authority promotes us to be released to do what we need to do.
- The secret to success in life is to find authority and stay under it.
- Our spirit of individualism is dangerous.
- Everything submits to something else in order to function, grow and prosper.
- Our problem is that we think we're so anointed that we've outgrown the need to submit.
- We all need a person or persons to submit to who we allow to keep us in line.

(The following contains key information from Myles Munroe's book¹² →)

Principles of Authority

Twelve principles of authority in relation to your spiritual calling:¹³

1. Authority Is General
2. Authority Is Specific
3. Authority Is Community Based
4. Authority Is Central
5. Authority Is Equipped



¹² – Myles Munroe (2010) “The Purpose and Power of Authority: Discovering the Power of Your Personal Domain” www.amazon.com.au/Purpose-Power-Authority-Discovering-Personal-ebook/dp/B004IPPF08

¹³ – Myles Munroe (2010) “The Purpose and Power of Authority: Discovering the Power of Your Personal Domain” (Chapter 13)



6. Authority Is Self-fulfilling
7. Authority Can Lie Undiscovered or Dormant
8. Authority Is Refined with Use
9. Authority Is Permanent
10. Authority Is God's Perfect Will
11. Authority Requires Personal Submission to God
12. Authority Has a Time for Mature Administration

Primary Purposes of Authority

There are ten primary purposes of authority:¹⁴

1. Authority produces and maintains order – in families, in society, in the world.
2. Because authority produces order, it creates an environment for maximum productivity.
3. Authority is designed to protect its products, not to restrict them.
4. Authority preserves, which is related to protection.
5. Authority of another person certifies and validates the decisions and actions taken on their behalf.
6. Properly operating under the authority of the Ultimate Authority provides safety.
7. Operating under the Ultimate Authority is where promotion comes from – it comes from God, not people.
8. Authority provides a framework and environment for total freedom.
9. Authority is the source of authenticity, and authenticity is the source of identity.
10. Because authority is the source of authenticity and true identity, it is also the source of reality.

Disclaimer

Myles Munroe received significant understanding of the Kingdom which he could ably pass on. However, he was still in the church system, so he didn't understand the Kingdom principle of plural eldership. In his teachings, he elevates pastors as the supreme leaders of local church groups. There should be at least a 'bench of three'¹⁵ in group oversight.¹⁶ There's also the Kingdom principle of submitting to one another in a community.

You'll need to filter out this faulty information from his teaching, as well as anything else that doesn't align with the Kingdom.

>>> For more in-depth information, READ Myles' book <<<

In regard to your spiritual authority, when you read 'The Purpose and Power of Authority', you will come to...

14 – Myles Munroe (2010) "The Purpose and Power of Authority: Discovering the Power of Your Personal Domain" (Chapter 6)

15 – Ian Clayton "Government Structure" sonofthunder.org/Home/ProductDetails?productId=51

[NOTE: This is how synagogues used to operate with oversight.

SEE: Adam Clark (1823) "The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments" p:196 (footnote #3)

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16 – When the Kingdom operates on Earth, all structures and systems are required to come from a blueprint in Heaven. If it doesn't, it doesn't belong in the Kingdom. Such is the Christian religion, denominationalism and church leadership on the present day.



- recognize what true authority is – and what it is not
- understand your own personal, inherent authority
- discover how to identify the “territory” or area of life you are authorized to oversee
- learn the origins of true authority
- gain order, simplicity, and peace in your life
- respond constructively to others in their own realms of authority
- exercise your intrinsic power and gifting
- lead others into their own personal authority
- live confidently and purposefully
- be true to your life calling
- maximize your gifts, talents, and skills
- find true prosperity
- work with joy