

You Cannot Operate in Areas Where You Have No Authority

Note the highlighted area in the following message from Father:

“Order and continuity in your life sets the stage for peace and tranquillity. **You cannot do anything about areas where you have no authority**, but you can do something about where you live and who you are. It will become a reality when you walk in the Spirit of the Lord and allow Him to be a dominant force in your life.”¹

This is the same instruction that has come through in recent messages that we’ve received from him. This repeated teaching is no coincidence, because Father is training his children to operate with the spiritual authority that they actually have, not ignorantly where they believe they have authority. This ignorance exists in the *ekklesia* for two main reasons:

1. It has been absorbed from life in Western society where all forms of authority are despised, at one level or another, and where personal agendas are promoted through the ‘I can do what I like’ insubordinate attitude.
2. Inadequate teaching among Spirit-filled believers has promoted ignorance of authority, both spiritual and natural authority (as I have witnessed).

The origin of this deviation from a correct understanding of authority among Spirit-filled believers, I believe, has been drawn from the Bible. The idea goes like this: As all authority was given to Jesus of Nazareth, which he gave it to his disciples, this “all authority” is now our possession. This authorization is then received as a ‘blanket’ set of power and authority that is blindly exercised without sober useage. Mishandling therefore arises because most believers haven’t been given appropriately correct training in spiritual authority² and in honouring³.

Here are a number of examples of the proper use of spiritual authority which I’ve extracted from a few of Father’s recent messages:

“The Middle East is none of your business. Your focus must be on your own nation, on your city, and on yourself and your family. As a son, that’s where your responsibility lies, because that’s where your authority is. You have no authority in the Middle East. Even if you are distantly related to people who live in the Middle East, your responsibility as a son is to listen to me, to what I show you, to be interested in, focused on (and remain focused on) or concerned about, are your areas of responsibility. That’s it, plain and simple.

Primarily, assistance should be given in your local community. In the first instance, in your family. In the second instance, those who live around you. Assistance elsewhere around your nation and around the world, is the responsibility of those who live there. I know that in a modern world, that is quite global in its thinking, that this sounds a bit parochial, but in the Kingdom, you’re only responsible for what you have authority over. And, you’re only required to operate where you have a sphere of influence in the area of that authority in your nation and your city.

There is a propensity for my people to take my words to “do good”, to extremes, so they’re ‘doing good’ all over the place, without looking after their own responsibilities, and fulfilling their roles of responsibility. That’s a bit cock-eyed, but it’s a result of emotion, theological teaching, religion, and societal pressure – all of which have nothing to do with the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Focus on what I give you responsibility for. Focus on what you have taken responsibility for. And always only operate in the areas you have authority...

Your attention must be on those things that I want you to have as your priorities. Of course, they are:

1 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Nov. 18, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2023.htm]

2 – I have endeavoured to correct this in my ‘Spiritual Authority’ series: canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=5054

3 – SEE: “Honour in the Kingdom” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/honour-in-the-kingdom.pdf

“Kingdom Loyalty and Honour” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/KINGDOM-loyalty-and-honour.pdf

“Honour as spiritual warfare” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/honour-as-spiritual-warfare.pdf

watching over yourself to keep yourself in alignment with me; to operate righteously; and to do good in the areas where you have authority and where you're located, which is your family and your local community. That's where your priority lies, because that's where I want you to focus. That's where you must put your energy, because you're responsible, and, in the Kingdom, you have authority in those areas to a limited degree.

Always work for the betterment of your city and your nation by operating spiritually and with spiritual authority, but leave the work there to me. Make sure you align with me, heart and mind, because your spirit is [already]⁴ aligned, and in that way you'll see positive changes eventuate, both in your city and your nation...

You use emotional energy and a lot of time that you could be using for my Kingdom, when you are very concerned and work towards making changes in areas which are outside of your authority, or outside of your purview.”⁵

And:

“This is a call today, for my people to focus their minds where it needs to be, which is, as I stated, on the Kingdom, and on those things they have authority and responsibility for. Anything else is a distraction. Sure, there is employment and vocation, which are essential for bringing in finance to run the household, but they fit under the umbrella of responsibilities. There's nothing wrong with being appropriately focused on your employment, because you owe a responsibility to your employer.

But, for sons, the bulk of their time should be listening to the Spirit, being engaged in Kingdom assignments,⁶ and making sure that their earthly responsibilities are carried out with their family and wherever they have authority. Those are indications of more mature functionality.”⁷

One of the important components of operating properly in authority is to ensure that what we are doing is in alignment with the heart, mind and desires of Father. For example: Even working to see Australia change spiritually requires submission to the King, rather than taking authority over principalities and powers. Here's what he taught us:

“So, ‘the ball's in your court’. Time to align with me, stay connected to my plans, and you'll see Australia move forward, ever-so slowly, but increasingly changing to be the nation that it's destined to be.

Join me. There's a fight. The fight is about alignment with me, not about demonstrations, prayer vigils, preachings from pulpits. It's about every one of my people siding with me, so that the spiritual atmosphere in Australia changes – and that doesn't take 100% co-operation. It's less than that. So take heart, and join me.”⁸

“So, as a loving Father, I continue to draw you in. I'm not angry, I'm not full of wrath. I'm a wonderful, loving Father, drawing you, encouraging you, [and]⁹ waiting for you. You may not realise that, but I wait for you, because I created you for a position as co-workers and partners with me, and I will not force you. You have authority, you have autonomy, and you can make your own decisions. But the decisions you make, need to be in alignment with me, not with your plans, your ideas, or those of others.”¹⁰

It should be patently clear from the above messages that operating in spiritual authority (or any assumed

4 – Added so the sentence reads in accordance with the sense of what's being communicated. [LDS]

5 – MESSAGE: “Our Responsibility in the Middle East” (20-10-2023)

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-Our-Responsibility-in-the-Middle-East-20-10-2023.pdf

6 – Which includes being where Father has placed us to function

7 – MESSAGE: “The Right Focus” (19-11-2023)

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8 – MESSAGE: “Insight from the Referendum” (15-10-2023)

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9 – Added so the sentence reads in accordance with the sense of what's being communicated. [LDS]

10 – MESSAGE: “Time to ‘Grow Up’” (22-7-2023)

authority over others) is presumption, **if** Father hasn't authorized it to take place. And that's the BIG problem: We unknowingly operate in foolishness and presumption when we do that.¹¹

IMPORTANT: Father has spoken and given us his mind on ways to properly use authority. Our responsibility is to stick to his guidance.

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11 – “Faith, Foolishness & Presumption” (10-1-2018)

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