

## Spiritual Authority Part 3!

*KJV Romans 12:3* For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

**It's the level or measure of faith God has given us that helps determine our level of authority!**

Paul says **our faith** is key to walking in proper authority!

*KJV Proverbs 23:7* For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

**What is our faith telling us about our purpose & destiny?**

*KJV 2 Corinthians 5:7* (For we walk by faith, not by sight)

We are guided by our faith, not by outward appearances!

What we allow to govern our thoughts is the key!

Thinking more highly or desiring more authority than we have been given originated with Lucifer and is seen in The Garden of Eden.

**Let's look at (3) three examples of what happens when spiritual authority is misunderstood and its consequences.**

➤ **The first example is Lucifer commonly called Satan, the devil.**

*ESV Isaiah 14:12-13* "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

*13* You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;

Notice Lucifer tried to exalt himself and as a result he was brought low!

➤ **The second example is The Serpent in The Garden of Eden!**

In **Gen chp 3** The Serpent tried to exalt himself in the eyes of Eve.

**By the way this is the classical trick used by traitors throughout history —“the king, dictator, president, boss etc. is holding back on you trust me, I can get you what you deserve!”**

Notice what God does to The Serpent:

*ESV Genesis 3:14* The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."

**The Serpent deceived Eve into thinking she could be more than what God created her to be—that God wasn't being good to her, that God hadn't created her beautiful, awesome, lovely and perfect.**

So instead of The Serpent getting a higher position with man on the earth God cursed him crawl on his belly.

➤ [The third example is of course is Eve.](#)

In **verse 15** God says because the serpent desired to subtly control man by influencing Eve—her offspring and his will battle, yet hers will win.

Notice because Eve's deception effected in infected her husband it would also affect their children—the family would be affected.

*NAB Genesis 3:16* To the woman he said: "I will intensify the pangs of your childbearing; in pain shall you bring forth children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall be your master."

She now will have pain and sorrow in child bearing and conception.

**Instead of having an exalted role over her husband she will now have a subordinate role in the relationship.** In the beginning it was not so!

**Now all the relationships on earth have changed—relationships with God, Satan and husband, wife, family, plants and animals.**

This all happened because the beings God created with free-will were not satisfied with the authority God created them with; they all thought more highly of themselves than they should.

**Jesus came to put all this back in order!**

*NIV 1 Peter 2:13-14* Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority,

*14* or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

**Submitting to governing authorities is submitting to those in positions of authority! It's a sign of our faith in God who gives authority to everyone who has it.**

In the church Paul tells us that every believer will have times they submit to another believer regardless of title and position.

*KJV Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

This scripture is often taken out of context and used in the marriage covenant because what Paul says in the next verse.

But upon deeper investigation Paul is changing course in verse 22 and that verse 21 is to be understood in light of the previous verses.

Paul was talking about **unity in the church!**

Having the right relationships with one another so we can work together building the kingdom!

**Submitting to one another is thinking & relating properly** in order to operate in the Kingdom authority God grants.

For example everyone regardless to position must submit to the Porters or parking lot attendants when they enter the parking lot!

Likewise an elder, deacon, senator, VP etc. must submit to the Ushers at the door when they enter the church.

I submit to my pastor and other pastors when I visit their churches, I submit to attorneys, accountants and other leader's wisdom & advice.

Submitting to one another in the **fear of The Lord** is the desire to serve one another rather than dominate and rule over others!

This is what **Lucifer, The Serpent and Eve** wanted—Lucifer no longer wanted to serve God, The Serpent wanted Adam and Eve to serve him and Eve wanted Adam and creation to serve her!

*KJV Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

Submission to authority was before The Law and does not change the order of God plan for authority on earth!