

The AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

Study guide: The believer's authority by Kenneth E. Hagin

INTRODUCTION

The authority of the believer is an aspect of the Christian walk few believers know much about, despite the bible clearly stating that God has made this authority available to us as believers. As expected, the devil does not want Christians to know about this authority so he can keep us thinking God has kept His best from us. Thanks be to God who ALWAYS CAUSES US TO TRIUMPH IN CHRIST JESUS (2 Cor. 2:14), this authority is ours from the day we become one with Christ. We must therefore come to the workable knowledge of this authority to enjoy the best of God.

Week 1: WHAT REALLY IS AUTHORITY?

Text: Luke 10:19

- Is there any difference between power and authority?
- Who/what is the source of the authority of the believer? **Matt. 28:18; Eph. 2:4-6**
- Which believer has a right to this authority? **Joh. 1:10-11; Eph. 1:18**
- In your own words, what difference should/does the knowledge of the authority make to you?

Memory verse – Eph. 6:18

Week 2: THE DIMENSIONS OF OUR AUTHORITY

Text: Matt. 18:18;

All authority that was given to Christ belongs to us through Him, and we may exercise it

freely. Heaven backs us up on what we refuse and what we allow.

- What is the scope of circumstances over which the believer can exercise authority? **Mk. 16:17; Ps. 110:2**
- State practical circumstances over which authority of the believer can be exercised.
- Can we as believers exercise authority over the will of other people?

Memory verse – Col. 2:15

Week 3: EXERCISING THE BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY

Text: Rom. 5:17; Joh. 16:11

Just as the human head cannot execute any action without the parts of the body; the authority of Jesus Christ who is the head of the church can only be enforced through His body and believers being members of that body are called to exercise His authority (**Rom 5:17**). Our job as believers is to enforce the victory of Jesus not to fight for this victory again.

What is the role of the following keys in the exercise of our authority?

- The word of God (**Joh. 15:7**)
- Faith in God (**Mk. 11:23**)
- Offence free hearts (**Joh. 14:30**)
- Mention other keys stated in the word -

Memory verse: 2 Cor. 2:14

Week 4: Q + A

- (recite all memory verses)
- **Practical decisions following the study.**