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Freedom's In The Submission part 2



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In our last Apostolic Note, we stated "The level of authority you can operate in, is determined by your level of submission to authority." The freedom to walk in apostolic authority is directly tied to this truth.

Defining our terminology of apostolic authority brings two principles together: submission and authority.

The term apostolic is derived from the words used for apostle and sent, apostolos and apostello. According to Strong's apostolos is taken from apostello. The basic meaning to both is one who is sent or to send.

According to Thayer's there are four components to this sending:

- First, they are ordered to go.
- Secondly, they are sent with a commission or some thing intended for another.
- Thirdly, the place of their sending is specific.
- Fourth, the completion or manifestation of the commission is proof of the sending.

From this definition we see how submission will bring the freedom of authority. Using the Centurion of Luke 7 again, we see how these components result in freedom.

First - it was the Roman government who issued the Centurion's orders.

Second - in the rank of a Centurion, there was a specific commissioning or responsibility.

Third - the Centurions deployment was specific. Rome sent him to Capernaum.

Because the Centurion understood he had been empowered by Rome, commissioned as an officer and deployed to a specific location, he submitted to this and had the freedom to operate within the arena of his authority. His actions were the proof that he had been sent by Rome.

Now the spiritual application.

To operate with apostolic authority we must submit to the same process.

First, it is the Lord who orders us. We should not be quick to take on certain ministries or challenges until we know for sure it is the Lord who is ordering us and not our own desires.

Second, with the order comes the commissioning, the purpose, actions or message we are to do or perform. There are some commissioning's in the Word that are universal for all believers. Then there are those that are given to us as individuals for the purpose the Lord desires to accomplish thru us.

Third, the gifting, method or place of operation is specific. The Centurion was over a specific 100 men and he was sent to Capernaum. The operation of authority is based on a specific metron we have been given. (For more info on a metron see the book Apostolic Authority)

Fourth, the proof that we have authority in our lives is when we demonstrate that authority. When we obey, by faith, demonstrating the gifting where we are sent, we will see God's power revealed in our lives.

To summarize: We must submit to the one who gives the order; grasp our commissioning and the metron or area of gifting. Then by obedience, demonstrate that we have been sent. Only then can we expect to see the demonstration of God's power in our lives.

A much more detailed discussion of this can be found in the book "Apostolic Authority, Every Believer's Privilege." It can be ordered from the Apostolic Missions Inc website at www.apostolicmissions.org.

Till next time
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