

GOD'S AUTHORITY IN YOU

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Freedom Fighter, Part 2

MAIN IDEA: In the spiritual battle we're engaged in, God has given us authority to overcome every tactic, assault, oppression & bondage.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **Luke 10:1-3**

For Everyone!

On His Errand.

Harvest awaits.

Preemptive working.

Send more out.

Hostile environment.

⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. ⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. ⁸ "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' **Luke 10:4-9**

Advance-Team.

Healing IS Kingdom!

Heal them. (Acts 3:6-7)

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." **Luke 10:16**

Represent the King Himself.

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." **Luke 10:17**

Demons create problems!

You have Authority to drive them out!

¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." **Luke 10:18-20**

"Satan fall"... I was beholding Satan as lighting falling from heaven

1. Wherever you BRING GOD'S KINGDOM, not just cast out demons, the enemy's hold breaks, he is cast down.

"your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10

2. We are dealing with a DEFEATED FOE!

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. **Colossians 2:15**

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **1 John 3:8**

3. Jesus has given you HIS AUTHORITY to prevail in the battle, and to advance the kingdom!

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy... **Luke 10:19**

4. Jesus' authority vested in you to OVERCOME the enemy's works.

...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ... **Romans 8:37-39**

5. ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE keeps you balanced in the fight.

So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. **2 Cor. 4:18 NLT**

6. CHILD-LIKE FAITH is the door into all this! (21)

I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. **Luke 18:17**