

The Power Of Submission

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Introduction

Submissive people are powerful people. Those who are submissive are authoritative people; because submission is the key to dominion. **Those who are under authority physically are people of authority spiritually.**

Submissive people are terrors to the devil. Someone who cannot do what you can do is under you naturally as far as that thing is concerned. The devil does not know how to submit, and that is why he fears those who are in submission.

“For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth, and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it” Matthew 8:9

The devil receives orders from those who know how to obey orders from authority. See how ‘The Message Bible’ puts Matthew 8:9, ***“I am a man who takes orders and give orders...”*** That is the power that someone in submission possesses. There is a force that backs up the voice of someone in submission to authority that causes their orders to be given audience. God ensures that any one in submission to authority is submitted to by choice or by force; no matter how weak they appear. Men and devils are forced by God to submit to anyone in whole hearted submission to authority.

Many think submissive people are powerless people; but the reverse actually is the case. The kind of influence they exert can never be resisted; because their submissiveness put them in the place of irresistibility. Even human beings fight for someone that is submissive. The authority you are submitted to; is mostly moved to fight on your

behalf because of your submission. Submission gathers around you both physical and spiritual elements; to assist your given orders to be responded to. The truth is that, if you want to have power with God and power with men and to prevail, learn to be in total submission to authority. It is an unequivocal truth!

CHAPTER 1

WHO IS AUTHORITY?

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king as supreme authority or to the Governor as sent by him....” I Peter 2:13-14 (NIV).

An authority is someone placed above you on earth. The placement can either be circumstantial or by divine arrangement. But the wisdom to get is that God is the One that institutes every authority on earth. The scripture says

“ there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God” (Romans 13:1 NIV)

There are four areas where authorities exist on earth as established by God and should be recognized. They are:

AUTHORITY IN THE HOME: Parents are authority figures for the children. The older siblings are authority figures to the younger ones. The husband is an authority figure in the home to the wife and the mother is the highest authority in the home in the absence of the father. Whether by age or by appointment, anyone vested with authority in the home should be regarded as authority even if it is the house help, the security person or the youngest person in the house.

AUTHORITY IN THE LAND: Anyone representing the State or Country where you dwell in is an authority to recognize. Any authority recognized in the land or city where you dwell is also one to relate with as authority.

Anyone invested with authority in the locality where you are residing, is someone to relate with as authority; for the authority of the sender is in the sent. Anyone therefore that refuses to acknowledge the sent will incur the wrath of the sender. Jesus said:

“He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” John 5:23(NKJV)

AUTHORITY IN YOUR FIELD OF DUTY: Anyone appointed, elected or selected that have been placed over you either at School, in the office or business place, or any area of assignment; should be recognized as an authority. Once there is an agreement or consensus that places one in a position of authority; it should be recognized as an authority

AUTHORITY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD: Anyone appointed or sent either by God or by God’s servant over you is an authority to acknowledge. Their placement either as a Pastor, a Priest, a minister at any level or a church department leader is an authority to acknowledge. Once anyone have been declared a leader formally or informally in church, you don’t need to think twice about the issue of submission because it becomes compulsory

These four areas are equal in position as far as God is concerned because what He calls one is what He calls another. They are all called authority. Their height, their size, their physical or spiritual strength, their financial or intellectual capacity has nothing to do with the positioning of God. See any of those, from the angle of God’s positioning and since God can’t be foolish to place them, you too should be wise enough to acknowledge them well; for that’s how to be empowered by God.

CHAPTER 2

YOU NEED AUTHORITY

“ Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God” 1 Corinthians 11;3 (NIV)

God did not create us to be without authority. The fulfillment of life is tied to the placement of authority by God. If Christ who is equal with God needs to be under authority, then there is no one who does not need an authority over them. God has showed us the pattern with Christ as the above text reads.

NO AUTHORITY, NO ORDER

Without authority figures, life will be without order. No matter your level of intelligence or strength, your life will be disorderly without an authority. Your life needs to be in order and God has positioned authority over you for that purpose. You might not like the authority figure but you need them to be orderly. People under strict authority seem to be more orderly than those who have a loose authority over them. Those who grew up under a functional authority do well in life than those who have no authority or those whose authority figures are usually absent. A child that does not want to be under the control of his or her parents will experience ‘dislocation’ in their life in one area or another. A wife that does things independent of her husband will never enjoy a stable and fulfilled life.

Those who break societal laws are those either from broken homes or those who broke away from their authority figures. For there to be order in the home, let the place of parents' authority be respected; let the place of the husband's authority be kept intact and let the place of the older ones be given them. Order will flood an organization where the organogram of authority is followed strictly. A business will attain stability when those given orders are in the right chain. Don't permit chaos in the home, in your class, in your office as the case may be or in any society where you find yourself, by skipping the authority ladder or jumping out of the scope of authority to do your own things. See it as how God wants it!

FOR YOUR SECURITY

Your safest place in life is within the zone of your authority. Authority is God's provision for your security. **The rebellious devil can only successfully attack rebellious people.** You are actually not safe when you walk out of the zone of allowance of authority.

Saul was out to attack David, and he was out with all the armoury he could get, but David ran to Samuel for safety.

"So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth." 1 Samuel 19:18

The succeeding verses after the above verse showed how the attack of Saul towards David was frustrated because of the covering of Samuel – the authority figure over David. An independent minded child is a cheap prey for the attack of the devil. A wife who does not respect the

husband's authority will never be safe from satanic attack. Travelling without your superior's permission is to open a door for the devil's arrow against you. The truth is that prayerfulness does not cover up for not being submissive to the authority God placed over you. It could be that careless Head of Department, that unbelieving boss, that weak or lazy husband or even a prayer-less parent. Their place of authority that guarantees your security is not tied to their person but to the office they occupy over your life. It is a spiritual law. Don't spiritualize any matter that will permit you to do things contrary to the authority's instruction.

You are vulnerable when you are doing anything without the backing of the authority figure(s) over your life. Some will be sowing 'seeds' in rebellion, for their protection. It cannot preserve you. Even if it is God that sent you, understand that, God too knows the place of authority. If an authority is standing in between what you said God told you, report the matter to God and let God handle that authority. But for you, obey that authority because God will never permit you against the authority figure(s) over your life. Take note!

OPEN YOUR HEAVENS

Jesus had to come under the authority of John the Baptist for His heaven to be opened. He called it "to fulfill all righteousness". Being under authority is one right thing that must be fulfilled before your heavens are opened. Christ has showed us the pattern to follow thus:

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him....." Matthew 3:16

It is open heaven that softens your work on earth. To be toiling in what you are doing is an indication of a closed heaven. Being under a

functional authority, guarantees that the 'oil' of God that will grease the work of your hands will be readily available. You won't need much effort to attain great result, if you are fully walking in submission to the authority figures over your life. Your flourishing will be consistent if you are in cordial relationship with the authority figures over your life. **You need authority more than authority needs you.** Let that be your mind-set. No matter the good thing(s) you are doing for the authority, just understand that you need your heavens open by being under that authority. All your effort will cause you 'blisters' if you only attribute success to hard-work. Allow the rain of God to soften the ground for you, which is made possible by the office of the authority (ies) over you that you follow.

Let your parents periodically bless you. Let your husband show their full approval towards what you are doing as a wife. Let your boss or superior be pleased with your submissiveness and say words of blessing over you. Let your spiritual authority figure lay hands on you and bless you. You can't be receiving blessing from these authorities in your life and operate under closed heavens. Do your part of submission and you will reap the harvest of open heavens over you always.

AMPLIFY YOUR ABILITY

The king of Israel in the days of Elisha the prophet was meant to shoot an arrow as a prophetic action for an expected victory, but Elisha had to place his hands on the king's hand to show both his support and involvement in the action.

“ And he said to the king of Israel, put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king’s hands” 2 Kings 13:16

What the Prophet Elisha did in the verse above is a picture of the role of authority over one’s life. When you have the backing of an authority, there is amplification of your efforts for greater result. There is a spiritual empowerment that follows one who has received permission from the authority over them. There is an extra force that backs whatever you are doing beyond your own force; that comes when the authority figure over your life is indirectly involved in whatever you are doing by their approval. The stone of David that is best a weapon for birds was empowered to kill a giant by the word of approval “Go”, from the mouth of the authority in the land, in the person of Saul (1 Samuel 17:37). God would not have backed up his stone against Goliath, if he went without the approval of Saul, even though the contest was for the glory of God. God is so careful about the matter of the position of authority figures over our lives.

Beyond your capacity is the needed spiritual support that you need for there to be striking accomplishments. God has tied the release of this supernatural help to the approval of his positioned servants. It could even be an unbeliever that occupies the position. It does not really matter. What matters to God is that the law is being followed. And when the law is fully obeyed, He steps in to amplify your ability to produce great results in and through you. A nod of approval can do the magic. A signature of permission can bring it to pass. A comment of support commands angels as well as forces of nature and devils to cooperate to bring it to pass. It is so important!

TO CROSS BARRIERS

Barriers can be overcome by the backing of authority. Advancement is supported by the power of submission. The removal of limitation is also why God places authority over our lives.

The limitations of fathers can be subdued by sons under authority. What parents desired to achieve and could not, can be their area of support for their children to cross. Someone once said "fathers are ladders". That's very true! Their counsel can be a 'bridge' upon which to climb over a barrier. Their prayer can assist you to overcome what you cannot achieve alone. You need authority to prevail over opposing forces. One not under authority will not escape limiting barriers. They will keep resisting such a one on the journey of destiny. There is always a terrorizing force in front of someone under authority that puts the devil of resistance on his heels. Every time a barrier sees a man in submission to an authority, there is a spiritual announcement that moves the barrier away; because every physical barrier has a spiritual backing.

When the Israelites were under the cloud and were baptized (identified) with Moses' ministry, the Red Sea parted, the mountain in the wilderness skipped like lambs. The Jordan River gave way when they came under Joshua. The gods of the seven nations in Canaan were behind the wall of Jericho and so God told Joshua and Israel to march round it seven days and seven times. Under Joshua, that wall (barrier) collapsed. Elisha enjoyed victory over the Jordan River that was before him because he was under the covering of Elijah

"And Elijah took his mantle and wrapped it together and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they went over on dry ground." 2 Kings 2:8

You can ease your struggle with opposing barriers by staying submissively under authority. Authority figures have a spiritual role over you against barriers.

GOD'S LAST RESORT

If you are submissively under authority, God can still reach you with His help. It doesn't matter how sinful you have become, if you can still be under authority, you are help-able. If you don't know how to hear God or you have lost touch with hearing God, you can still be accessed by God, if under authority.

Authority is God's last resort to anyone. If God has tried to correct you and you do not understand or you are refusing to respond, His last point of call is the authority figure over your life. Anyone who refuses to stay in submission under an authority falls out of God's 'scope' of reach to him/her. God was still able to reach Saul on his persecution expedition because he was acting by the backing of the governing authorities – the Chief Priests in his time. (Acts 9:1-6) God could not access Saul the first King of Israel, because he refused to be submissive under the authority God placed over him in the person of Samuel. You need authority so that God can reach you through them, in case you become filled with your own ways. **When you become dull in hearing, God can still speak to your hearing, if only you are under authority.**

Don't think you already know the Bible, you can fast and pray or you can read books to always know what God will say and live independent of the authority (ies) God has positioned over you. The truth is that you will always need authority. At times you can so stick to what you think you already know about God and all you are doing can be what God has passed as far as your life is concerned. At such times, the authority under who you sit will carry the needed instruction for your life. God recently gave me a direction of ministry via the authority figure He

placed over me, when I was acting based on the imperfect knowledge I had.

“For we only know a part now, and we speak only a part” 1 Corinthians 13: 9 (NLB)

When King David sinned in the matter of Uriah and his wife Bathsheba, there was a temporal loss of touch with God because he multiplied transgression in an attempt to cover one transgression. The authority figure over him was God’s last resort to reaching him

“ And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him.....”

2 Samuel 12:1

He could still be reached because he had a functional authority over him. There is no one that can’t miss it and if you have someone over you; then you are still reachable. Don’t ‘handicap’ God!

CHAPTER 3

THE PLACE OF SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, Unto Timothy my own son in the faith: Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Timothy 1:1-2)

God is our heavenly father as Christ taught His disciples to pray

“Our Father, which art in heaven....” (Matthew 6:9)

God has also set the place of spiritual fathers (authorities) in the Church, because the kingdom of God is a father-child kingdom as far as relationship is concerned.

Paul the apostle acknowledged “God our Father” and he also called Timothy “my own son in the faith” because he was not his biological father. It is God’s pattern that can never be changed. The wisdom for you is to fall in place under whatever God has placed. Your spiritual life and your destiny in God on earth are tied to the place of spiritual authority. God would have been creating everybody individually as he created the first Adam and then everyone should then be answerable to God alone as their only authority. But God made it that human beings will always proceed from another human being. As the last Adam (Jesus) came and began a new kingdom, God’s pattern for order on earth did not change. He still came through a human being. He has also placed spiritual authority figures over us in the kingdom for the fulfillment of His assignment on earth.

Your authority in Christ is limited when you are not under a spiritual authority in Christ. When Moses had no spiritual authority, they questioned his authority in Egypt by asking him

“who made you a ruler and a judge” (Exodus 2:14 NLT)

But he returned back with unquestionable authority when he came under a spiritual authority. The place of spiritual authority can never be replaced by Bible knowledge or increase in prayers and fasting. Whether you are in business, in School, in government or in any area of life's endeavour, you need a spiritual authority figure over your life. So, God is asking you today; who are you under in submission as a spiritual authority?

GOD IS THE GIVER

No one determined the person that gave birth to them. No one chose the locality or the personality through which they were to be born. God is the determinant of your parents, which are the first authority figures of your life. God too is the one that determines the spiritual authority over your life.

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding” Jeremiah 3:15

You don't choose your spiritual authority it is God that gives one. You don't decide to get yourself an authority; you only discern the one God has given. The criteria you will want to use to get yourself a spiritual authority is the reason why you can't get the correct one for yourself. It is God who knows you and can help you with the relevant authority needed in your life. Using someone's charismatic gifts to get yourself a spiritual authority is a wrong way to discerning your spiritual authority. Using your colleague's spiritual authority as yours is not to connect correctly. Pursuing a big name, so as to be identified with the big 'thing' is not the way to discern the shepherd God has placed over you. To choose someone that you believe has a connection that can release resources to you is to be using the wrong criteria.

People tilt towards what they want but God wants you to tilt towards what you need. You might not want the spiritual authority God has placed over you but you surely need him or her. One strong way to

discern your spiritual authority is someone who has an internal make-up that you need to make you. **God gives spiritual authority for your making not just your getting.** The spiritual authority given us by God is meant to feed us with knowledge and understanding.

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding” Jeremiah 3:15

That is what makes a person. Moses had so much in Egypt but he was not made until God brought him under Jethro to be made and he entered into his life’s assignment.

DON’T GIVE YOURSELF

“And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his Priest, and was in the house of Micah.” Judges 17:12

How can an Ephraimite consecrate a Levite? Why should a man of Ephraim consecrate a Levite to become his priest? It was because at this time in Israel:

“every man did that which was right in his own eyes”. (Judges 17:6)

Consider what Micah told the Levite before consecrating him to be his priest.

“Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals” (Judges 17:10).

If Micah is the one housing him, clothing him, and paying him as a personal prophet, will he not be the one influencing what he should be hearing from God? This kind of nonsense is also present in our days when people who can’t stay under the authority of either their parents, their bosses, their husbands or their pastors now seek personal “prophet” or “man of God” that can service them in their rebellion,

with their money and influence. It is not God's way and can never be God's way. You did not give yourself the father or mother that gave birth to you. You are not meant to give yourself an authority. Hear this life-time warning: If you can't submit to the authority God placed over you, you are not covered under the authority you give yourself.

You have no right to give yourself an authority. Leaving the authority you have been placed under, in search of an authority that will service your ego and be under your control is to be inviting disaster. Distributing your loyalty to people you call authority figures with no one that has a meaningful hold on your life is to be cover-less. Changing jobs because you don't want to be under or moving from one Church to another in search of where no one will make any demand of submission on you is to be far from God's help. That's the spirit of Lucifer! Avoid those with such traits and don't practice it.

CHAPTER 4

DISCERNING YOUR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

“When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees.... And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him”

Luke 5: 8, 11

Like have been said in the preceding chapter, you don’t decide for a spiritual authority; you can only discern him or her. We will press the matter further to help us understand clearly, how to discern one’s shepherd, pastor or spiritual authority figure as God has given

One thing to use in discerning your spiritual authority is someone who is not necessarily interested in using your gifts but in pruning your life to bear fruits. Someone who is out to benefit from your gifts whether spiritual gifts or material gifts cannot be the spiritual authority God has given you. Someone that God has given you should have something in them that will make your life better that God has given them for you. No matter what you have, there is something you don’t have and that is what God will give you a spiritual authority to give to you. The spiritual authority God has given you is interested in what they can make out of you and not what they can get from you. Your making is their concern, knowing that whatever a man gets if he is not made, he is sure to lose. If he is your God-given shepherd, then your making will be their utmost concern.

Saul – the first king of Israel was not the ideal shepherd God had in mind for Israel. See his lifestyle with reference to those under him

“when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him” (1 Samuel 14:52)

He never made any strong but he was always on the look-out for anyone that is strong to bring under him. That is not God's way of giving people the pastors He promised to give. See the ideal shepherd God chose and gave Israel - David.

"And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them" 1Samuel 22:2

Anyone with this kind of heart as David over you is your spiritual authority. Connect with them.

REVELATION FOR DIRECTION

"To him the porter openeth and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out" John 10:3

The Psalmist – a shepherd, wrote and said,

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters" (Psalm 23:1-2).

The capacity to provide direction is one way to discern who your spiritual authority figure is. Someone whose revelation provides destiny direction and gives you deliverance from confusion is the spiritual authority God has given you. The shepherd to follow is the one whose 'voice' you understand and grants you direction in life. A shepherd leads out of confusion and leads one beside the "still waters" of life. You don't continue in confusion if you have located your own pastor as given by God. Saul's life was characterized by wandering until he met Samuel the Prophet. Samuel was God's ordained spiritual authority for him and as long as he followed and obeyed Samuel, he continued on track. But as he

went astray from Samuel's instruction, he lost direction and ended up in destruction. The shepherd God gives a person has the answer on the issue of life's direction.

After the death of Samuel, God gave David another 'pastor' in the name of Nathan the Prophet. Nathan was the one that God used to give David direction when he was thinking of building a temple. It was a good idea but because it was not God's idea for him, he was delivered from that error by sending his spiritual authority his way (2 Samuel 7:1-17). God also sent Jethro to Moses for direction in life and ministry. Let the source of direction for life and destiny help you discern who your shepherd or spiritual authority is. God has certainly positioned a shepherd for you and if you are sincerely in search of yours, God will connect you.

EXPOSE TO PURPOSE AND POTENTIAL

God has planted purpose in you and surrounded it with the relevant potentials. You only need to be exposed to it and be able to fulfill your purpose of creation. There is an environment that will help you recognize it and the environment is characterized by a person God has positioned to help your discovery.

The purpose of an egg is to become a chick and then into a cock or a hen. The egg contains all that is needed to reach this fullness and to be able to produce other eggs as well. But the same egg can end up on the table for one meal. It has the capacity to produce a life-time source of protein but it is limited without incubation. It is under the hen that incubates it, that the egg can reach its full potential. That is also one other way to discern who your spiritual authority is. Someone under whom your purpose becomes clear and your potentials found fullness of expression is your God given spiritual authority figure. You

might have an idea of what your purpose is, but the fullness of your essence of existence is not known until you come under your God-ordained spiritual authority.

Saul's purpose statement as spoken by Samuel – his God ordained spiritual authority is this scripture.

“ And by the way, your lost donkeys – the ones you’ve been hunting for the last three days, have been found, so don’t worry about them. At this moment, Israel’s future is in your hands.” 1 Samuel 9:20 (MSG)

He was busy looking for animals whereas his purpose was to be the King of Israel. The relevant potentials that were embedded in him were not tapped into fully until he was anointed and imparted by Samuel in the next chapter of the above verse of scripture today. The shepherd ordained by God for you will assist you on purpose and potential discovery and maximization. Discern your pastor by using purpose and potential discovery and utilization. God has positioned them to help you. Discern them and connect with them.

MAKE YOU HUMBLE

Concerning Moses, the Bible says he **“was mighty in words and in deeds”** while he was in Egypt. He was a prince in Egypt and was so self-willed that he killed an Egyptian with his hands. The description of this same Moses latter on in his life is a contrast to consider.

“Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth” Numbers 12:3 (NIV)

A prince in Egypt was turned to a shepherd in Midian. A self-willed prince was turned into a humble follower of sheep. An aggressive killer was turned into a gentle follower. One who stood up to fight for others, now became one who could not defend himself before those who questioned his authority as a prophet. The radical transformation in Moses' life took place when he came under his spiritual authority. This is one other way to discern your own spiritual authority. Anyone that God sends your way as a spiritual authority is meant to humble you and make you learn humility. Their lifestyle and personality traits have been tailored by God to make you become humble. You can't fulfill destiny in pride and so God will bring over you someone that will make you humble so that you can attain to the fulfillment of your purpose.

Every natural man has the seed of pride in them, but God's provision of a spiritual authority will exercise you on the path of humility. **Under God's ordained authority figures, your 'wings' of instability are clipped, your excesses are curtailed, your extravagances are curbed and your wild passions and desires are bridled.** God positions people whose life and exposure has equipped them with the relevant tools to help you learn humility. Many don't like anyone that will check their independent-mindedness and so runs away from those that God has given them as shepherds over them. Discern this special package of God for your life, so that you don't take the longer and dangerous route of life.

CHAPTER 5

RELATING WITH AUTHORITY

“His father and mother objected strenuously,... Why must you go to the pagan Philistines to find a wife? But Samson told his father, “Get her for me. She is the one I want” Judges 14:3 (NLT)

There is a way to relate with authority to be qualified to benefit from the authority's cover you are under. There are certain 'seeds' to sow into authority to qualify you for the harvest that follows submission.

All that has been said that one will benefit when under an authority will not fully be enjoyed, if one does not know how well to relate with the authority figures over them; be it a parent, a boss, a husband, a spiritual authority or an authority in the land they dwell. **The demand of authority is superior to personal principles.** Authority's instruction is superior to personal convenience. Uphold authority's voice above your personal choice, if you will relate properly. No matter how hot a soldier feels for example, he has no right to pull off his uniform when on duty. His personal principle, convenience and choice are suspended when under authority. He does not choose when to carry out an instruction; and how he feels about the instruction does not matter as far as the authority is concerned.

Samson insisted on his path as against the objection of his parents – the authority figures over him. Though he forced them to bow to his wish, he did not end well on that journey. You can't benefit well from an authority you are under when you always insist to do what you want. You might get the temporal, but you will surely lose the permanent. The

truth is that **you cannot benefit from an authority you can manipulate or control**. Any authority figure you can for any reason terrorize or oppress either by your affluence or influence, is someone who is not covering you spiritually. Saul was such a person to Samuel and he was exposed to the enemies' arrow. (1 Samuel 31)

CONSULTATION NOT INFORMATION

"He came back and told his father and mother, 'I saw a woman in Timnah, a Philistine girl; get her for me as my wife.'" Judges 14:2 (MSG)

In considering how to relate with authority, the place of decisions needs to be looked into more closely so that we can harvest the fruits of submission to authority.

When all you tell an authority always is a concluded decision without any room for their input, you are not relating properly. You can't be on a journey already before informing the authority you are under. You should not engage on any destiny decision, without consultation with the authority God placed you under. You might think they know nothing about what the subject matter is; but there could be wisdom of life that can be gotten from them if you consult them; for wisdom is a universal thing. They might not have the knowledge or skill you have, but they could help you on the issue of how to relate with others in your field. Let your decision still be brought under the 'light' of their experience and it can be better refined for better results. Give room for their contribution and always welcome their opinion and you will enjoy God's wisdom for you through them.

Don't present your decision by hiding out relevant details surrounding it. Share your observations and reservations. Open up your

discoveries and confusions and even if they have no perfect answers, they can pray for you or connect you with someone that has a relevant wisdom for you. Don't conclude they know nothing about the subject matter, but let God bless your intention by using them to either approve or disapprove an issue for your good. Samson was used to presenting before his authority figures, a concluded decision. They are only informed of what he wants to do and their opinions did not matter. He tells them what he wants and hides what he wants. He paid heavily for it! That's not your portion!

REFERENCE WITH REVERENCE

“Finally, Saul himself went to Ramah and arrived at the great well in Secu. ‘Where are Samuel and David?’ he demanded. They are at Naioth in Ramah someone told him” 1 Samuel 19:22 (NLT)

Samuel was supposed to be Saul's authority and David was Saul's subordinate. The way he referred to the two of them in our opening scripture today means that they are at the same level as far as he is concerned. There is wisdom to learn from this.

You don't refer to an authority as you would do a colleague or a subordinate. When there is no reverence with how you refer to an authority, you can't benefit from the role they occupy in the spirit realm over you. Always remember that an authority has more than a physical role they play over you, no matter who they are or how they appear. Saul said, “where are Samuel and David?” expressing disdain for Samuel and that was why God exposed his spiritual state by making him to lie down naked all day and all night before Samuel (1 Samuel 19:23-24). The truth is that you are spiritually naked (exposed and vulnerable)

if you don't relate properly with the authority figures over your life. David who understood reverence for authority never referred to Saul by his first name, as Saul did to Samuel. He either refers to him as the king, my lord, my father or the Lord's anointed.

It is not civilization to have no reverence for authority. It is rather a perversion and corruption of divine principles. Revere authority figures and you will profit from their spiritual positioning over you. Revere authority figures and you will be their first reference for any favour or opportunity that comes their way. No one likes to associate with anyone that despises their authority. Let how you refer to the authority figure over your life be with reverence. In their presence and in their absence, let your reverence for them be proven also by how you refer to them. Watch it!

TAKING INSTRUCTIONS LIGHTLY

" And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offering. And he offered the burnt offering" 1 Samuel 13:9

Why should a king go to carry out the assignment of the priest? Saul took light the instruction given to him and he took a wrong step that made him lose favour both with God and the authority figure over his life.

The instruction to Saul was:

"You shall go down before me to Gilgal and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do" (1 Samuel 10:8 NKJV).

He took light the instruction and did what he think is best. Hear this: If you take light the instruction of authority, you will not enjoy the place of authority God has for you. **If you take light the instructions of authority, demons too will take light your command. If you take light the instructions of authority, you too will be taken lightly as far as your subordinates are concerned.** It is a sowing and reaping thing. Don't let any pressure of time or shortage of resources come in between you and clear instructions from authority.

Joab the general of King David's army was also in the habit of taking light, superior's instruction. He took light David's instruction concerning the life of Absalom the King's son, because he had a personal grievance against the man Absalom. He did not end well (2 Samuel 18:12, 14). It doesn't matter the way you feel, or what you think, learn to always carry out instruction as it is given. Don't have something else in your mind when listening to an instruction. Ask the relevant questions and make the relevant enquiry. Express your own understanding where need be, before embarking on any journey of instruction. All you must do should be as it has been instructed. Be careful about this issue.

CLOSE YOUR EYES

" Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, walked backward into the tent and covered their father's naked body. As they did this, they looked the other way so they wouldn't see him naked" Genesis 9:23 (NLT).

There is an understanding to arrive at with reference to authority that will make you relate properly with them. That understanding is the difference between their person and their position.

The place of authority is actually a matter of the position given them by God and not about their person. That is why **having an authority over you is more important than who the authority is**. You are meant to relate with authority figures based on the position they occupy. If you want to relate with their person, you are likely not to relate well. That is why **the best way to relate with an authority is to close your eyes to their person and open your eyes to their position**. Close your eyes means, you deliberately look away from every inability or disability of their person. Their personal weakness should be overlooked so as to respond to them with respect to their position. How they appear and what they don't have has nothing to do with their position. So close your eyes by looking away from their personal or private issues and give them the honour due to them.

Ham, Noah's younger son opened his eyes to his father's nakedness and looked down on his position and he received a curse. Shem and Japheth on the other hand closed their eyes to their father's nakedness and honoured him for the position he occupied and they were blessed. (Genesis 9:20-27). Cover up for authority's weakness as much as you can and refuse to participate in any discussion that will slight them. Pray for them concerning their weakness and let God be the one to handle that. But your duty is to relate with them in honour and God will bless you for your submission

AVOID CAUSING GRIEF

"But Esau's wives made life miserable for Isaac and Rebecca"
Genesis 26:35 (NLT)

You can't benefit from the authority figure over your life, if you constantly cause them sorrow. Even if they don't complain loudly, there is no blessing attached to your duty under them

Every act of grief committed against authority carries a silent curse if not amended. Even if an authority wants to bless you, when you have been a source of grief to them, you can only get a 'mouth blessing' and not a 'soul blessing'. The 'mouth blessing' has no spiritual implication but when the soul blesses you out of joy and satisfaction, angels will favour you and devils will bow for you. Don't be causing your authority losses. It grieves them. Don't carry out assignments carelessly. They can't be happy like that. Don't snob authority for any reason. That is inviting curses on you. Don't be arguing with authority figures over your life. Whatever point you are trying to make will not receive God's blessing at the end. Don't be taking their benevolence or calmness for granted. Don't stick to what you think your belief is, when it is bringing conflict between you and authority always. Such a lifestyle does not bring you under the proper spiritual cover you deserve from being in submission.

Relate with authority officially as far as their position is concerned. Don't be in the habit of usage without permission when under authority. Crossing your area of jurisdiction and doing what is not approved is to be grieving your authority. Don't anchor on your intelligence or competence and do whatever you like. You can be exploiting or oppressing your superior like that and there is going to be a search inwardly for your replacement. Repent genuinely wherever for any reason you offend or grieve your authority. Note that, their heart position about you affects your condition in the spirit realm.

CHAPTER 6

SILENT COMMANDMENTS FROM AUTHORITY

In relating with authority, there are things to look out for and respond to that will make your relationship quality to attract the harvest of submission. There are things not spoken but contains commandments for us to obey. They are called the 'Silent Commandments' from authority.

#1. EXPRESSED DESIRE

The first silent commandment from authority to consider or look out for is in a quiet desire expressed. **An expressed desire from authority is an indirect call for you to perspire in order to acquire.** No man can meet all the desires of a man, but whenever an authority expresses a quiet longing of their heart or you sense a longing in their heart towards a thing, see what you can do within your power to meet that longing, once it is within the scope of righteousness. A response to the longings of a man's heart is to cause any blessing in that heart to be released upon the one that meets that longing. Authority figures are endeared to any that is interested in meeting even their unspoken desires. The harvest of submission follows such a person.

David only longed for water and said it out, not really asking his men to get it for him. He only said what to him looked like an impossible thing. His men picked that desire and press their way to meet it.

“And David longed and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem....And the three mighty men broke through the host of the Philistines and draw water out of the well... and brought it to David” 2 Samuel 23:15, 16.

Because David never really meant it, he refused to drink but poured out the water on the ground to the Lord: for he said,

“Be it far from me O Lord, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? Therefore he would not drink it.” (2 Samuel 23:17).

They took his silent desire as a commandment and they became the prominent men in David’s army. Watch out for this silent commandment and enter the fullness of God’s favour list.

2 INFORMATION FOR A MOTION

“Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, we also go with thee...” John 21:3

Your level of follower-ship is determined by your ability to note silent commandments from authority and to follow. Rebellious people always have a different agenda always from the authority figures over their lives. You should not be like that.

The second silent commandment to look out for is in the area of an authority’s pursuit. Hear this: Information towards a vision journey is an invitation to join. When an authority is informing you of their future plans, they are indirectly telling you to be a part of it. Being part of it

can be direct or indirect. It can begin by showing all your support for their move. If you are not disposed to join them fully, you can give all the necessary encouragement and assistance you can towards that thing. The truth is that an authority cannot be endeared to you when you show no interest in their interest. You might not be pulled towards their area of interest but for their sake, you pull yourself in even if it is temporarily. The wisdom there is this: when you respond to their desire always, a time will come that they will release you to your own desire, if it is not in agreement with theirs.

You shouldn't be raising up your own plans for a vision journey, when an authority is excitedly sharing their vision's plans with you. For a wife to be talking about her own plans when the husband is raising up a critical project before him is to fall out of favour with such a husband. Whatever plans or agenda you have before you, suspend the topic when an authority raises theirs up. Don't wait for them to call you in; see their information as a call to join them and in most cases you will discover that on the path of your followership is the fulfillment of your own plans as well.

3 AUTHORITY'S OBJECT OF ADMIRATION

"He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. John 3:29 (NKJV)

An authority's object of admiration is another area to receive a silent commandment from. An authority is saying so many things

without words. So learn from some unspoken things and relate well with authority figures over your life.

Your authority's object of admiration is an automatic object of celebration for you. What an authority admires or cherishes is not an option for you whether or not to celebrate. For example, anyone that does not celebrate my wife cannot be my friend. No one will be close to someone who despises what they celebrate. You don't need to like it before you like it, if your authority likes it. Queen Esther got the offer of half the Kingdom of King Ahasuerus because she got to the King's heart by preparing a feast in honour of the King – something he so much liked. (Esther 5:6). Queen Michal, on the other hand got a curse because she refused to celebrate what her husband, King David celebrated (2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23).

When Na'aman became 'born again', he made a request to the Prophet Elisha with respect to what his authority celebrated. Elisha permitted him because his followership to his authority's object of celebration was not intentional but circumstantial. Even though he knew it was not what he now celebrates, God permitted him due to the authority he was under (2 Kings 5:17-19). The truth is that God will undertake for whatever be the consequence of your submission to authority and He will deliver you where necessary. Celebrate what they celebrate. Admire what they admire. Enjoy what they enjoy and you will receive their blessing.

#4 A POINT TO HIGHER AUTHORITY

***“ And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus”
John 1:36-37.***

There is something to learn from a higher authority above the authority you are under. That is why it is safer to be under someone whose authority you know. This is the fourth silent commandment to consider.

A point to a higher authority is a point to a necessary connection. An authority figure's sources of inspiration are sources of inspiration for you to connect to. If your mentor has a mentor, then that person too has wisdom for you. So let not your heart be far from someone your authority look up to. That is why the scripture says,

“thy father's friend forsake not.” (Proverbs 27:10).

Anyone the authority over you uses as a reference should also be someone to resort to as well. If the authority over you is always pointing at someone to look up to, he is silently commanding you to connect with such a person. If such a person has influenced him/her, then they are telling you that you will do yourself good to reach out towards such people. Someone your authority respect or cherish is not someone he/she should expect you to despise or tolerate.

When an authority points to a higher authority as a positive influence in their lives, their materials if any should be consulted. Go after the tapes, books or conferences where such people can be listened to because they will help you with what your life needs. The thing that God saw and place that authority over you is also not far from the person by whom your authority is influenced. Visit such individuals where

necessary and possible and learn from them. They could also be people to run to incase the authority over you begins to miss it. It's great wisdom!

5 WHEN IN SEARCH FOR REPLACEMENT

"And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him.... Go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided me a king among his sons"

1 Samuel 16:1

There are two silent commandments that can proceed from an authority whenever they are in search of replacement, when you are still alive and or around. See authority search for an alternative as an indication of a desire not spoken.

#5(a) SHOW HONOUR

When an authority begins to look for a replacement, there is a call to show honour for authority. When someone positioned near an authority begin for any reason to look down on authority, there would be a search for another; because no one wants to keep around them someone who don't value and respect them. When Joab began to take David's instruction for granted, David quickly began to look for a replacement and found Amasa (2 Samuel 19:13). Saul too was replaced as 1 Samuel 16:1 tells us because of lack of honour for authority. Increase your value on authority, whenever you notice, you are no more resorted to. Once your competence begins to make you see yourself as indispensable and then

you start doing whatever you like, a replacement is already on the way; because it takes both competence and character to sustain any position.

Women who begin to despise their husbands will discover a tilt from their husbands towards any maid or relation in the house. A child will stop being celebrated when he/she begins to violate their parents' instruction. So it is between a superior and a subordinate. Don't ever see yourself anywhere as indispensable. Don't think no matter what you do, you can't be kept aside. When you are under an authority, always see your service as a privilege and render honour duly to them. Honour authority continually and you will keep enjoying relevance under them.

#5 (b) SUSTAIN COMPETENCE

"Amasa went to carry out his orders, but he was late reporting back"
2 Samuel 20:5

This is the second silent commandment that should be noted when an authority begins to search for an alternative person to do what you normally do.

Amasa was used to replace Joab for lack of reverence for authority. He too was 'replaced' after the above scripture for lack of competence. **Whenever an authority stops being excited about you or your service, then there is a call to step up your output.** When your competence begins to dwindle when under authority, a replacement is on the way, immediately or eventually. Where quality and excellent delivery is the watchword, incompetence is not tolerated. So when your job description is being given to somebody else either at home, school, in the business place or in the office by an authority; then check your

competence if your honour for authority is in place. David did not sustain the throne of Israel by integrity alone but also with skillfulness.

“So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands” Psalm 78:72.

Humility should go with quality, if your days of relevance will be long.

Improve yourself. Maintain reliability with reference to your task. Keep to schedules. Let your output be always counted on. Seek better ways to improve your output. Don't think prayer will cover up for competence. Rather, put in your best and stay relevant because it is possible to be ever relevant. Don't be angry with authority's desire for replacement but see it as a silent way to tell you to step up. Always step up and no one will step you out. Let reverence and competence under authority sustain your relevance.

6 AREA OF EMPHASY

“He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me? Jesus said to him, ‘feed my sheep’” John 21:17 (NKJV)

This is the seventh silent commandment from authority. As you take note of these silent commandments, you will be silently drawing yourself close to your place of reward in submission.

A comment in an area more than once, is a commandment to focus on carefully. An area of emphasis from authority is an area to be given full attention. When an authority makes a comment about one area of your life or the service you render repeatedly, even if it is passively; then you better understand the handwriting on the wall, signaling an area of concentration. Don't be passive about an area of emphasis

from an authority. Don't see their comment or repeated silence when you expect a comment, as one of those things. See it as an area that you are expected to give it all that it takes to act well. It could be in the area of your speech or your appearance. If an authority have spoken about your carelessness for example, just sit up and when the matter comes up again, then you are suppose to discipline yourself to fight that 'devil' of carelessness. **A repeated instruction from authority is a query given immediately or eventually.** Put other things aside to focus on that area.

Simon Peter was supposed to concentrate on the spiritual assignment of feeding the 'sheep' of God but he returned to fishing. That was why Christ had to ask him three times if he loved Him. He now emphasized the assignment again "feed my sheep" (John 21). Take points noted as action points. See repetition as emphasis for attention. Accept this silent commandment and concentrate for your good. Let your response be total towards it, once the matter comes up more than once. Don't call it your weakness to excuse you. Rather, rise up to fight it, so that you can walk in victory and the blessedness of submission will not be lacking in your life.

CHAPTER 7

THE PROOF OF SUBMISSION

“However he went down with them to Nazareth, and submitted himself to their control....”Luke 2:51 (TCNT)

The Montgomery New Testament version of the above scripture reads:

“Then he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and he was always obedient to them...”

Submission has no meaning outside obedience. It is obedience that the bible sees as submission. The Bible in Basic English renders the above scripture as this:

“And he went down with them and came to Nazareth; and did as he was ordered...”

To be in submission is actually to be available and willing to do as being ordered. The rebellious does not like being ordered but the submissive complies in obedience when ordered.

Obedience, which is the proof of submission, needs to be evident in three ways for it to be said to be obedience.

- 1. Early obedience:** Delayed obedience is mostly a product of rebellion. A submissive heart responds early in obedience. Any obedience deliberately carried out late is obedience in rebellion and it actually has no divine approval. Anything that is important to you is attended to as early possible. So to drag your feet to carry out an assignment given

you by authority for any reason is a quiet sign of rebellion. Abraham's obedience was characterized by early obedience. When God asked him to cast out Ishmael he rose up early to carry it out (Genesis 21: 12-14). When God told him to sacrifice his beloved son, the bible said

“And Abraham rose up early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him” (Genesis22:3)

2. **Complete obedience:** Incomplete obedience is mostly function of a rebellious heart. When obedience is not complete, there is a personal reservation that has led to such incomplete act. Obedience is approved when it is carried out exactly as instructed. Saul, the first king of Israel was rebellious and it was characterized by incomplete obedience. He was instructed by Samuel, the authority over him to wait for him for seven days and he will come to offer the burnt offering. He did not complete the waiting and he went into the priestly office, offered an offering that he was not permitted (1 Samuel 13:8-14). He was later given another assignment by God through Samuel the prophet and he went and carried out the assignment but not as expected of him. He was supposed to utterly destroy the Amalekites and everything in the land. He killed everybody and spared the king and some animals. That led to his rejection by God (1 Samuel15). Moses could not enter into the promise land because of incomplete obedience. He smote the rock when he was to speak to the rock. That rebellion cost him his ultimate pursuit on earth.
3. **Consistent obedience:** It is not an act of obedience that makes one submissive. For Christ he continued from the age of twelve in

submission to his parents till he was thirty years. You need to obey in different circumstances and places to prove how submissive you are. The Rechabites continued to obey their father's instructions even after his death for generations (Jeremiah 35). It is consistency that determines authenticity. Until obedience becomes consistent submission can't be proved. Apply the above ways around obedience and the harvest of submission will be seen around you.

CHAPTER 8

IDENTIFYING REBELLION

Rebellion is the opposite of submission. If you are not in submission, you are actually in rebellion. Any one avoiding where submission will be demanded is actually rebellious. Many will hardly accept the fact that they are rebellious but any silent desire that tilts one away from wherever submission will be expected is a tilt towards rebellion.

Identifying rebellious traits is a strong key towards uprooting rebellion. Anything that cannot be identified cannot be rectified. Hence, identification is the pathway to victory over rebellion.

12 Traits Of A Rebellious Spirit

1. When you change your countenance because you were corrected by an authority figure, you are rebellious.
2. When you withdraw from commitment because you were rebuked by a superior, it is an indication of a rebellious spirit.
3. When you relate to authority with a close mind on issues, it is a sign of a rebellious spirit.
4. When you present all decisions and plans from an unbendable and unchangeable perspective, then rebellion still has a place in your heart.
5. When all of authority's instruction is subject to your personal scrutiny; then you are rebellious.
6. When you are used to adding or subtracting from instructions given from authority; it is a rebellious trait.

7. When obedience is delayed because you don't want to be seen as complying with instruction in the presence of subordinates; then that is a pointer to rebellion.
8. When you deliberately skip the authority chain above you; you are actually rebellious.
9. When you try to undermine a new authority figure placed above you; then rebellion is still present in your life.
10. Any action or inaction that is an expression of your displeasure with authority is tied to a rebellious spirit.
11. The desire to be away from authority's close monitoring is an indication of a rebellious spirit.
12. The desire to always be where you are in charge of yourself is a pointer to the presence of rebellion.

CHAPTER 9

SUBMISSION IS A CHOICE

“ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death of the cross” Philippians 2:8

No matter what is said or known about submission; about the power and blessedness of submission as seen so far, it is a matter of choice. If you have not made a choice for submission, you can't reap the harvest of submission.

Subjugation or subjection is not submission. Being forced to submit is not the same thing as submission. To be subjected under is not to enjoy the cover of authority. If you are not in submission by choice, you are not under cover spiritually. You can be under physically and be on your own spiritually. It is a matter of decision. Those under subjection will soon find their way out because, their heart is not there; for where your heart is, that is where you will be eventually. If you have known the power and blessedness of submission, choose to deliberately bring yourself under; for that is the only guarantee for your provision, direction and protection when under authority. Submission actually means subject-yourself-to-the-mission. It is a personal choice. It is this choice that will make you carry out the instructions.

Praying to run out from under an authority is to be exposed to a hostile spiritual environment. Submission only when eyes are on you is not submission at all. By choice, there is no body you can't submit to as an authority; irrespective of social class, financial strength,

physical size, spiritual level or intellectual capacity. **Don't be bowing in submission outwardly and be standing in rebellion inwardly.** God sees what is going on beyond the physical and He can't be deceived. Make it a choice to submit to every authority. Don't forget: being under authority does not mean being inferior. It is simply a respect for order as set by God. Submit in all willingness and God will bless you.

Chapter 10

RETURN AND SUBMIT.....a personal word

“And the angel of the Lord said unto her, ‘Return to thy mistress and submit thyself under her hands” Genesis 16:9

People with great destinies have great weaknesses; they encounter great challenges, confronted with great opportunities and enjoy great deliverances.

Every egg needs incubation for there to be manifestation. You that is running away from an authority figure, God is saying I should tell you to return back and submit. There is a destiny in you God is incubating, and your running away will be an abortion of that work. The incubation time for the egg is a ‘hot’ season for the egg; but it is necessary for the full formation of the chick. Return back to that husband you ran away from. Return back to that Pastor you ran from. Return back home if you as a young gentleman or lady is running away from the control of your parents. That high-expectation teaching you are running away from, return and let God complete His work in you. Return in humility and submit yourself under that authority God placed over you. Running out from under authority is not how God releases people from under a particular authority. No matter how much they hate you, if you submit yourself, God will make them release you peacefully when it is time.

Even though it was the harsh treatment of Sarah to Hagar that made her run away from her mistress, God told her to return, as the scripture says above. She carried a destiny in her womb, that needs

incubation and so God asked her to return. There was still the root of rebellion in her that God wanted to uproot by sending her back. God loves you and He is asking you to return and let Him complete the good work of 'moulding' your destiny. Don't abort the work. Let God complete it. I pray that grace be released upon you to both return and submit fully. I pray that the lessons of submission be imparted in your spirit and grace to obey follow suit in Jesus name. Amen.

..... SUBMIT FIRST TO GOD

Until you submit first fully to God, the spirit of Lucifer (rebellion) can never be separated from you. If you have not surrendered to God, you will not be able to submit to another faithfully. So the first thing to do to be able to profit from what you have read so far is to surrender your life to God. To surrender to God is to believe and act in line with everything God says about you. If you don't have peace with God and you are not certain about your soul's condition if death comes your way now; then there is no better time than now to surrender your life completely over to God.

Submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ by making Him the lord of your life. It is after this that you can be able to successfully submit to another. You can submit to Jesus by believing in your heart and confessing Jesus with your mouth to be lord over your life.

“... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” Romans 10:9-10. (NKJV)

Submit to God today because tomorrow will not be better for that decision.

**“...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
2 Corinthians 6:2**

Pray this prayer meaning every word of it to give your life over to Jesus.

“Lord Jesus, I thank you for dying for me because you love me, I thank you for also given me this opportunity to come to you. I

repent of my sins and I ask you to come into my life; I submit my life completely to you and I receive strength from today to live for you all the days of my life in Jesus name. Amen”

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Now, you are a child of God and you have been empowered by Jesus to submit to authority just the way He did to the Father, all the days of your life. Get yourself established in God right away by planting yourself in a church where you will be nurtured and tutored in the ways of God.

We will be very glad to hear from you, if you prayed the above prayer.

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