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## Authority in the Kingdom

Because we say so!

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I awakened early one morning and was thinking about an impression I had while lying there. I saw the governmental body of my native land as though suspended in air and it seemed diminished to me. I, on the other hand, personally seemed to appear much larger over it. This vision points to the authority we have in the Kingdom of God as His sons.

Once we begin to live our lives from within the Kingdom of God, we realize that we have authority in it, but we have to grow up into that authority. It comes with maturity. No child is given adult authority. With authority comes responsibility. The immature person, whether in life or in the Lord, is incapable of handling much responsibility, therefore cannot be given authority.

However, as we grow up into authority—having proven ourselves faithful in the little things—the powers and authorities of this world seem far less dominant than before.

World governments appear large and unconquerable when we are in the world and see them from a world point of view. These same systems, however, diminish greatly in size, power, authority, and importance once we see them from a Kingdom of God perspective. The Kingdom of God is simply bigger than they. So it is with all things in the world.

Have these systems grown smaller? Not particularly! They were always diminished. It has always been a matter of perception. They have not grown smaller. We have grown taller. Our confidence in God and His crowned authority upon His sons has increased in us as well.

Now, the more we see how much authority we have as "responsible" sons in the Kingdom, the more our faith increases. It will no longer be a matter of hoping, straining to believe, or faking faith. It is real knowledge. We simply know that we have it and we act accordingly. We either have it or we don't. We cannot fabricate it in and of ourselves. We can never use this authority for our personal gain or pleasure. It has to always be in harmony with "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

When we do have it and we know it, what we say has to come about just because we say so. Demons have to flee just because we say so. Sicknesses and diseases have to flee just because we say so. The wind has to cease just because we say so. The mountains have to move just because we say.

Is there any doubt that Jesus walked in this kind of authority as THE SON of God? Why would we think less of those who are His many sons being brought to glory?

We are to grow up into Him in all things. Eph. 4:15.