

Hands On

Part Two - The Right Hand of Authority

Matthew 26:64

“In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Authority is given to serve.

Luke 22:24-26

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. 25 Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. 26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.”

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

John 19:11

Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.

Hebrews 13:17

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Authority is something God takes seriously.

Romans 13:1

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

Using authority as a means to be served is satanic.

Isaiah 14:13-14

You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”

1 Samuel 13:11-12

“What have you done?” asked Samuel. Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Micmash (east of Beth-aven), 12 I thought, ‘Now the Philistines will come

down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD'S favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."

1 Samuel 15:27-29

As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. 28 Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors - to one better than you. 29 He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind."

We must be "hands on" in carrying out the proper role of authority but "hands off" when it comes to using or usurping authority in an unbiblical way.

Matthew 5:30

"And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell."

How to Be "Hands On" With God-given Authority

John 13:2-5

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

- 1. Make an honest assessment of how you're using your authority.**
- 2. Look for ways to serve the ones you lead.**
- 3. Ask those closest to you to point out abuses you might not see.**
- 4. Look for ways to honor those in authority.**
- 5. Walk in the fear of the Lord.**

The only thing we know of that made Jesus marvel was one man's proper understanding of authority!

Matthew 8:5-10

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,'

and he does it.” 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed,
“Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!