



## I take and I use my Authority

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I have very rarely seen or heard born-again Christians use their authority regularly. Many do not know that this authority is in them, they live without it. The result is, a Christian life that goes with the flow of the circumstances of their lives, it undergoes things instead of triggering them. They try to beg God from time to time, without really believing... this is unfortunately the lot of many. Together we will see in this study that God has provided much better than this for His children.

In a Christian life, everything is linked. Often we can hear teachings directed to a specific topic, and it is a very good thing because this allows us to go more in depth. But never lose sight that everything is linked, that is, if I use authority without adding my faith, nothing will happen. If I show authority and faith, but add doubt then nothing will happen. I say this to clarify the fact that the authority is not everything you need. It is not the only ingredient for a powerful Christian life that bear fruits. But it is often the missing ingredient for a successful result.

The Bible is not as "clear" on the authority of the Christian as it is about salvation or the prayer of healing, for example. In the new Covenant, we can't really say that there are passages that are very explicit, saying for example: "*you must use the authority that God has given to you in your life.*" Things are a little more indirect.

Of course there are all those passages in the Gospels where many people were surprised to feel a strong authority in the words of Jesus.

**Matthew 7:29 for** He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

**Mark 1:27** *Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."*

In these passages of the Gospels (and these are not exhaustive), it cannot be said as we said above that the authority is taught in a very obvious way. It happens in some cases that some translations amplify this fact, that is why for some passages, it is often good to return to the original texts.

That does not mean that the Bible does not mention it. It seems that things are so indirect that we could get the impression that only God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit are using authority.

But it's nothing of the sort.

Too often I hear and see Christians begging God to do such or such a thing, or others waiting passively after a prayer they have made without a great conviction. Of course, in both cases it often will not happen.

I remember when I was a young Christian, I would talk to my father about the Gospel, and he often said that it was a religion for the weak who do not really have authority over themselves and even less over others. I didn't know what to answer, because at that time I did not really understand myself that to be a Christian means just the opposite because nobody had taught it to me. To add to this, the Church I attended at that time, taught that we need ' *to wait upon God* ', so each one of us prayed asking timidly or shouting, and then waited.

We must unfortunately face the facts, there are very few churches or communities who live in the spiritual authority that God has yet given them. Of course, few miracles happen sometimes, or some granting of prayers but this without really knowing why it worked that time. We make statements like: "*Oh, a year ago God healed so-and-so*". Or: "*God has provided our need; remember, it was 3 years ago!*" And people are happy with this.

Come on! Be a little objective!

Compare these statements with what Jesus lived every day, with what was happening in the book of Acts. Compare these statements with the stories of the Gospels where you can read the revolutionized life of all those people. Some could do things that they had never been able to do because they were healed, others could go back to a normal life with their family, and many other situations had been changed because of the authority of Jesus and his Apostles.

Is this the kind of Christian life you have today?

Yet, when we are born again, we have everything that God has. We will detail this later.

Some will be able to tell me: *“Yes Franck, I agree, but it was Jesus”*.

To those I would say that Jesus was the Son of God, but also that He was human like all of us.

**Matthew 4:1** *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

**Hebrews 4:15** *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

It is a fact, Jesus has been in the same situations that we face on the subject of temptation.

But in fact, the temptation of what?

Simply in the temptation of doing things by Himself, humanly, without the Holy Spirit with Him. Jesus often said that He was doing nothing from Himself, He did what He saw His father doing. It is because this passage is so misunderstood that we hear teachings that say: *“You must do nothing by yourself, it is God who is sovereign, it is necessary to ask Him, and it is He who will decide if He will answer you not”*.

Some denominations and some Pentecostals go a little further in their approach to this subject. They say: *“Yes it is true we don’t have to do anything by ourselves, but we should assail the throne of grace with our prayers, we must insist: God grant me, God grant me!”* I have nothing against my brothers and sisters of the Pentecostal movement, this is just an example. There are also many other denominations that don’t have the full truth on this subject. The fact is that, none of this is a good thing, because none of these examples are using the authority that we have received in Jesus Christ.

One day, one of my Pastor friends talked to me about the problems he had with his daughter. She was a little less than twenty years old, and she caused them a great deal of trouble because of her attitude that was not acceptable. I remember that he said to me: *“But we cry out to God”*. He was probably unwillingly attempting to put some pressure on God, hoping that His heavenly Father would eventually capitulate and say: *“Ok, that’s enough, stops your cries, stops your insistence, I will grant your prayer now”*.

What a mistake!

As I often say, God does not take any pressure from anyone on Himself. This kind of attitude in prayer reminds me of capricious children, who want at any cost that their parents give them what they want.

This is not at all what God has planned for His children!

Some may still say: "Yes, but Franck, Jesus never knew sin, we do."

This is true.

Then let's take other examples apart from Jesus.

**Acts 3:6** *Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."*

**Acts 28: 3-5** *But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. <sup>4</sup> So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live." <sup>5</sup> But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.*

**Acts 5:15** *so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.*

It would be very easy to extend this list of passages of the Bible; Peter, Paul, John and the others, were people like you and me.

Yes it is true I can say today that, when my shadow hovers over someone, nothing special happens. But is it because of this fact that I consider these men as "super Apostles"?

No, not at all!

Even if I am not yet at this level, I'm on my way. This is not pride or complacency, not at all. This is faith, because I want to help, I want to bless, I want that the maximum of people I'm in contact with to be blessed through this access to the grace of Jesus Christ, and also that they may be in good health. And this is for all Christians.

All this will never happen without practicing the spiritual authority that God has given to us in Jesus Christ. As we said earlier, this is not the only ingredient in the success, but the main one.

Now let's look a little closer at this authority.

Dear reader, I have good news for you: If you are born again and you are filled with the Holy Spirit, and you manifest this baptism among others things by speaking in tongues, you have no need to request this authority from God.

Why?

Because He has already given it to you.

Understand that just because you do not see this with your five senses it doesn't mean you do not have it. In the same way, it would be very easy for anyone to put a superb sport car in my garage, but if I don't go in my garage, I'll never know about this car. Therefore I will never drive it.

Alternatively, if someone put a gorgeous hand bag of great value at the far end of your cabinet, but if you never take a look, you will never find it.

The Bible gives us the exact list of all the things that God has given to us.

This list is located in the following verse:

***Romans 8: 32*** *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us **all things**?*

This list can be summarized in just two lines only.

We have *everything*.

But what is "all"?

*All* is exactly all that God possesses Himself. The only condition for getting all things, is to have the Son, which means to have Jesus in our life.

Everything that God has, I have.

*"But then, why do I not see all these things in my life, Franck?"*

Just because you have never looked at it.

Everything that God gave me is in my spirit, exactly like the salvation I received in Jesus, this salvation is in my spirit; not in my soul or in my body. Of course my soul and my body will benefit from it as long as I am on Earth, but it is my spirit that is saved only. Everything that God gave me is in my spirit.

To take and use my authority in Jesus, I'll have to call on my spirit. (For more details on this subject see my study: *Manage all my being with my spirit*).

You will never find a passage in the New Testament where a person is trying to beg God in order to get his prayer answered. On the contrary there are passages as we already saw above with Peter and John.

Let's go to the chapter 3 of the book of Acts.

**Acts 3: 1-8** *Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.*

We will now try to analyse this situation point by point.

It was probably not the first time that Peter and John saw this crippled man. But that day there was a difference, Peter and John stopped. This man was attentive to what Peter was going to do, this is why he said: "*Look at us!*".

Note what Peter said. He said: "what I have... ", not: "what God gives you. Peter said: "what I have..."

We could ask ourselves the question: "*But what did Peter have to give it to this man?*"

Peter had the authority to command the healing of this man, the necessary power for his healing. In no case God has intervened, because God has already intervened a little more than two thousand years ago. In no case Peter has addressed himself to God, or Jesus, or the Holy Spirit.

Why?

Just because Peter had that authority. He took it and he used it: *"...In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk. And taking him by the right hand, he lifted him up. At the same time, his feet and his ankles became strong; in one jump he was standing, and he began to walk"*.

Do you think it seemed complicated for Peter?

It seems very simple and very powerful at the same time. It is exactly what it is. Often it is because we complicate things that we don't see any result. There is no merit to have this authority of Jesus Christ, we all received it by grace. To understand this you need to have previously understood the grace of Jesus Christ in your life. You need to have understood God's unconditional love towards you. (For more details on this subject see my study: *The new birth*, as well as *The personality of God*).

To be able to use something that I have received, such as a human authority or an object, I must first validate that I own this thing and accept that I have received it. Without this process, I will not be able to use it.

And this is the case of a majority of Christians around the world, they do not take this authority they have received because they have not established it in their way of thinking.

Think with me a moment.

Now you know that God has given you everything He has, His Son, His authority, His word, His eternity, His earth.

The authority that we all have, has been acquired for us only because the things on which we exercise this authority –such as diseases, situations, demonic spirits– all these things have been subdued at one time.

How have they been subdued?

This happened when Jesus had to give His life. It was at this price, and this price only that all has been submitted to us by the authority of Jesus Christ that we have received. Jesus did not only die on the cross so you can spend eternity with God in a place where evil does not exist.

Teaching such things is to restrict the value of the sacrifice of Jesus. It is an insult to this complete and perfect sacrifice.

Whenever the word “ask” to God is referred in the new Covenant, it is the Greek word (*Aiteo*) which means proclaim, *command*, *demand*. This is the case when Jesus speaks His sermon on the mountain.

**Matthew 7:7** *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

Do you think that Jesus would have taught that we should command God?  
Or maybe that we should demand something from Him?  
Of course not!

We have this authority that comes from Jesus, so we must speak to things, speak to the circumstances, to the elements, and we must command and proclaim an established fact.

(For more details on this subject see my study: *The “LET” of the Bible*).

Often, it happens that we do not correctly understand how to pray, because we rely on some words of Jesus such as:

**John 14:14** *If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

And it is upon that kind of words that we stumble, believing wrongly, that Jesus is like a big brother, putting ourselves in a condition of “little brother” that would remain forever. So as a *little brother*, I'll spend the rest of my life asking my brother to do things for me. This is not how things have been established by God.

In this verse, “ask” is still (*Aiteo*). Jesus is trying to announce to his Apostles that He will soon no longer be with them and it is related to this circumstance that He says to them in **John 14:14**. In other words, He was saying: “When I will be gone, if you use the authority of My name which is in you, by commanding, requiring something, you'll see that I will do this thing through you, by the power of My Spirit who dwells in you”.

There are several factors that make the majority of Christians not using their authority.

There are those who do not know that they have received an authority, often for two main reasons. The first one is because they do not study the Bible, they won't search and try to understand what God has given them. The second comes from the fact that many Christian leaders do not teach on this subject.



They prefer to say that God is sovereign and, it is Him anyway who will do as what seems good to Him. So in this case, it's not really useful to command or to proclaim whatsoever. These are words like: "*make your needs known to God and you will see what happen...*" that we will hear most of the time.

I have heard in some preaching: "We must cry out to God!" So people think that one must scream or beg. Let me tell you that God is not deaf, He has no need to hear you screaming in your prayers.

I remember when I was a young Christian, I used to pray with a brother and friend, Christophe. At that time we used to live with Christine my wife, in a flat with only one room, and so, with Christophe we would pray in our garage which was in the basement of our apartment. While we were praying we were screaming so much that I think that Christine could not stay next to us preparing the meal that we used to share all of us three at the end of our praying time. But at that period, we thought that the more we screamed, the more prayers will be left up higher.

It was really stupid.

But when you are young in the faith, it is often that you do stupid things, and so it was my case. All this because at that time some people from the church taught that we were supposed to scream, or cry out to God!

In the Bible, you will read that Job cried out to God several times.

***Job 30: 20*** *I cry out to You, but You do not answer me; I stand up, and You regard me.*

Thus, people think that screaming is the ultimate thing to do so that God could hears us.

King David also cried out to God. And it is because of some passages in some Psalms that Christians today think that screaming will contribute to the fulfilment of their prayers.

***Psalms 4:3 (ISV)*** *But understand this: the Lord has set apart the godly for himself! The Lord will hear me when I cry out to him!*

In the Psalms, it is written more than seventeen times that David cried out to God.

In Psalm 28: 2, if we take the original word for ' *Cry out* ', it's 'Shava' which means: ' *yell, complain, implore* '. But in Psalm 77: 1, it comes from the word ' Tsa'aq ' which means: ' *scream, to complain, to gather* '.

Most of the practical implementation of errors often come from the fact that people mix the Old and the New Covenant. They forget that between the two, a great major event took place: Jesus died on the cross, and He resurrected. And this changed a lot of things. Yes of course many things from the old Covenant remain in the new, but there are things, attitudes, ways of thinking that have no more reason to be.

"*Cry out to God*" is one of them.

Job did not have the same relationship with God as those who are born again and filled with the Spirit today. Job had only a partial view of things. Yes God revealed wonderful things to him, such as, the origin of the dinosaurs, the system of weather and more other things (for more details on the story of Job, see my study: *The character of God*).

David, had a clearer view than Job concerning God, but he did not have the spiritual knowledge that we have today. Although at that time, he was well ahead spiritually talking, of the people, nevertheless he sometimes had the need of a prophet to consult God.

If we look a little more closely on other examples where David *cried out* to God in the Psalms, the original word is "*Qara*" meaning: "*scream, proclaim, publish, convoke*". There was here a different idea, much more toward the concept of a proclamation, an order that corresponds much more to the use of an authority. David had therefore already understood it partially, he did not beg, and was not trying to put any pressure on God. It happens sometime that he cried out, but it was to make a proclamation.

But when I proclaim something, I do not beg!

Some of those same Christian leaders are not teaching the spiritual authority because they have a poor vision of the role of a pastor.

A pastor is a shepherd, and in this image they see a person who is in charge of a herd. It is true that the Bible says that Jesus is our shepherd. For their part, Paul and John talked about their "*little children*", speaking about, some Christians. As such, many pastors today believe that Christians are on one side of their congregation, and the other side are pastors. They consider that the people are like sheep that are not autonomous at all, and therefore need to be treated

them as such. Do not think that I am against pastors, not at all, but unfortunately most of them do not understand that they must bring their brothers and sisters in a spiritual autonomy rather than assist them and over protect them. Certainly they must support, encourage and accompany when necessary, but this must be temporary. The problem is that in many churches this temporary help became permanent. Then of course with this way of thinking, there is no question of teaching on the spiritual authority that ALL Christians have received.

This is the highlight point of the Ministry LVBN / TRGN. My first goal is to see all Christians getting into this autonomy or self-sufficiency given to them by God Himself, to see all Christians having boldness rather than being bounced around by the circumstances of their lives, which are often orchestrated by satan and his demons.

You will not be able to say after reading this study that you did not know. Besides that, the argument of not knowing, is in no way an excuse before God. No one can say: *"God, I didn't know that I had received your authority through Jesus"*. God will say: *"You had my Word, the Bible, you should have read it, and everything is explained"*.

How many Christians die due to sickness, simply because they do not know that they have received the authority to talk to any malfunction of their body? God does not say: *"Stop, you're not going to die! OK, so listen to me: I will heal you this time, but remember that next time, you must use the authority that I have given you through Jesus"*.

No, God does not do that.

He allows His children to follow their own decision with the consequences that arise from them. There isn't an excuse of not knowing, because you have everything available, first of all the Bible, ministries such as ours, and many others in the world who do a wonderful job.

Do not choose to remain as a sheep, who do nothing for themselves and take no initiative. On the contrary, be bold, be confident.

Imagine if all Christians in the world were to use their authority in Jesus Christ...

What would be the differences?

Simply enormous, the differences would be enormous!

Demons would be cast out on a large scale, the sick healed in countless quantities, circumstances changed, and many more people being much happier. The good news of Jesus would be well known and considered, there would be many more Christians, and therefore saved people.

Do you understand the importance of taking and using your authority?

In order to use my authority effectively, there are certain qualities I need to have. For example if I am a shy, withdrawn person, I will have difficulty expressing my authority.

Why?

Because it is not in my personality, and because I am not accustomed to speak with authority. In this case I'll have to start working on me.

**2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)** *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control].*

When Paul wrote this to Timothy, it was to remind him to use the gift he received when he had laid hands on him some time ago. We do not know the gift that Timothy had received, it is possible that it was the gift of teaching in order to correct the drifts, but this is pure speculation on my part.

In any case what we are sure of, is that on several occasions, Paul gave Timothy the task of restoring order in some churches, such as Corinth and Ephesus. It would seem that Timothy had, on some occasions, shown shyness, perhaps impressed by elders or other people older than him. What is certain, is that on several occasions, he should have used the gift he had received but he did not, and Paul encouraged him to use this gift.

**2 Timothy 1:6** *Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

It is therefore clear that Timothy had “messed up” certain tasks that Paul had entrusted to him. Paul reminded him that the Spirit of God which was in him did not push him to shyness, on the contrary, it should have caused him to be bold.

I think that Timothy had to begin to work on himself, to rekindle this gift he had received.

How can this example speak us today?

This simply shows us that even if Timothy had received a gift from God and that even if the Holy Spirit was dwelling in him, everything was not acquired automatically. So if you have trouble expressing your authority in Christ, this should reassure you. Yes, Timothy was a young man when those events happened, but nevertheless he had to work to develop what he had received from God.

In the same way, you must work on it because you have received all of the authority of Jesus Christ within you, expressing Himself through your words. Everything does not happen immediately, especially if before your new birth you were rather a reserved and shy person. Today you are not anymore this same person you were before, you're not a former shy or introvert person.

Not at all!

You are a new creature in Jesus Christ, and even if some aspects of your personality makes you still manifest these things, you are nevertheless a whole new person. And because of that, you need to renew your soul.

Many people think that renewing their soul means to learn and discover more of the Bible in order to have their thoughts turned towards God more often.

Yes that is true, but it's not only that.

To renewing our soul or our mind, means also to destroy all those thoughts, all those things that we have done for decades sometimes, which despite the fact that we are a new person, are still generated as a habit by our soul. Renewing our soul is also to remove all the reflects of our soul that are contrary to the Word of God, by introducing thoughts that come from the Holy Spirit.

To use your authority, it is not necessary to scream, to raise your voice, or look angry. The authority of Jesus Christ manifests in calm, but in a great power.

*Isaiah 30:15"...In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."  
But you would not,*

God announced it through Isaiah. Even if it was in the old Covenant, it is nevertheless a statement.

Where could the power of the people come from?

From God of course!

And God declares that this strength occurs in the calm and the confidence.

I remember our son Alexander, when he was about 17 years old, I would sometimes shout at him because he had disobeyed, several times he replied to me: *“Dad, when you scream, you have lost 50 per cent of your credibility, because when someone gets angry and scream, it means that he loses control of the situation”*. I must say that at the moment I hesitated between punishing him even more for disrespecting me, or keeping my mouth shut. But I quickly realized that he was quite right.

It is one of the rare, but profound lessons that I learned from my son!

You understand it, it is a process. If today you have trouble exercising the spiritual authority, be aware that it has been acquired for you at a great price on the cross.

You have not received a half-measure, on the contrary, you have the full capacity, the full potential to successfully use your authority.

Often you can imagine that exuberant or authoritarian people, will find easier to use their spiritual authority.

Not at all!

They will be just as disadvantaged as the one who is shy or introverted. I would say that the problem will be more important to solve.

Why?

Simply because that person will feel to do well, but their attitudes are just as negative as the first one.

We've all faced an authoritarian person, and because of that our society has mixed the meanings of authority and authoritarian. However, these are two very different things.

Authority involves receiving a power, a power which most of the time does not come from us.

In the biblical case, the authority has been given to us, it absolutely does not comes from us. We have therefore received a power.

***Acts 1:8*** *But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

What distorts the biblical thought in all communities established on Earth, are individuals who have received an authority: some apply it with balance, while others apply it with an obvious imbalance.

In practice, if we were to give an example, we could take one of a police officer. When a police officer motions you to stop, why do you stop?

Just because he is a police officer?

No of course!

You'll stop because he represents the law of the society and of your country, and nothing else. As such, he has rights over you and you do not have the choice to do other than what he tells you, otherwise you will see the law applied against you.

It is exactly the same thing for the authority that comes from God. We have become representatives of His Kingdom. Paul speaks of himself and his team by saying that they are ambassadors sent by Christ.

***2 Corinthians 5:20 (AMP)*** *So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us; we [as Christ's representatives] plead with you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God.*

All born again Christians are ambassadors of the Kingdom of God on Earth. You are not just anyone, you represent the eternal kingdom and the almighty Creator of the universe.

Let's come back to our police officer.

Imagine that one of them motions you very timidly, not daring to impose himself, what would happen? Perhaps you will not stop because he would not express the authority that he represents. In fact you would not really take it seriously. In this case, he would be at fault for not having clearly expressed the authority that he represents.

In the same way, a policeman who screams and gets angry at you, will not be very credible in ordering you to stop. In this case you would be entitled to bring a claim, and the law would surely give you reason.

If we analyse the differences between these two cases, we can see that in the second case, the police officer ordered the same thing but used his own person and not the authority that he represents.

It is the same thing when we exercise our authority in Christ. In no case it should come from us. If we think about it, it is so much easier to exercise an authority that has been received rather than exercise it with our own person. Because in the first case there's no pressure, I will only execute what I have already received.

Some will say to me: *"But Franck, you tell us that on one hand we should be bold, be sure of ourselves, and that on the other hand we shouldn't use what comes from ourselves"*. Yes this is quite true. I will give you more details.

You have to understand that it is in our spirit that Jesus gave us His authority and not elsewhere.

Everything which comes from ourselves (what the Bible calls our flesh) is generated in our intelligence (our soul). Often it may seem difficult to differentiate a word of assurance that comes from my soul and a word of assurance that comes from my spirit. When I use my authority, my words must come from my spirit and through my soul just before being proclaimed by my mouth. Of course it is quite possible to proclaim the same word when it does not come from my spirit but simply from my soul.

So how do we tell the difference?

It's pretty simple to check it out. A word of authority that comes from my soul will not last over time. Which means that I won't stick to it for very long. At any unexpected situation, this word will be questioned.

An example might be:

If I say: *"Pain, I command you to disappear in the name of Jesus"*, or *"I declare that I'm not in need because my Father in heaven has already provided all my needs"*.

Let's take the first words. I'll see that this comes from my soul because if it turns out that the pain is still there a few minutes after pronouncing this prayer, I will begin to doubt, or perhaps I will want to abandon any perseverance by saying that it did not work. Our flesh is not persistent, it has no resistance in time for the things of God: this is the difference between our flesh and our spirit. Our spirit is perfect and conformed to the Word of God whatever happens. Our Spirit has no problem with the duration of time, it is not influenced by sin because it has been sealed by the Holy Spirit.



***Ephesians 4:30*** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed** for the day of redemption.

It is therefore essential that thought generating your words of authority comes from your spirit. If it comes from your soul, it will not achieve much, (for more details about this, see my study: *Manage all my being with my spirit*).

If we now take the second proclamation. I will notice it comes also from my soul, because for example if I prayed it a few days previously then I receive in the mail an invoice I have to pay but have no money to pay it, I will begin to doubt about the words I spoke in my prayer. A reaction like this will show me that everything has come from my soul.

You see, my soul will base itself on what my five senses tell most of the time. This will be similar for all things in my spiritual life.

Something else may also occur. I can proclaim, order something from my spirit, and when the thought arrives at the level of my soul, it will be changed by my mind. This can be a bit confusing if we have not understood the process that takes place. Yet, in this case I have the assurance that my thought initially comes from my spirit but I'll see that my words do not last over time. If this happens to you it means that you need to renew your soul (for details on this subject see my study: *spirit, soul, and body*).

So, I need to learn to use the authority from my spirit, show boldness and confidence. This daring and assurance come from the Holy Spirit who Himself dwells in me permanently. It is very important to stand my ground through the time when I pronounce words of authority, because sometimes things happen instantly, but at other times, things take a little longer. This is not because there is a power problem, but simply because in some cases there may be external parameters that need time to operate.

What we should integrate into our way of thinking, is the fact that the power of God in me is absolutely not working on "two speeds", nor admits any kind of weakness. The power of God is constant, it never fades.

It is a parameter that personally I really appreciate, because when I face a spiritual authority problem from my part, I know where I have to look for the error.

In me, and only me!

Not in any exterior parameters, or even in God Himself.

Some Christians think that God sometimes disagrees with their prayer of authority, so they doubt, and because they doubt they see nothing happening. There are things for which I won't consult God before praying with authority, because I know one hundred percent what His will is, simply because the Bible talks about God's will on certain subjects.

Praying for a disease for example. I know His will in this regard because the Bible says it, God wants us in good health. There may be other cases where I'm not sure of the direction that God has planned for me, for another person or any other situation for which I pray. In that case of course, it is important to know what God has planned for a particular situation, if I I'm not sure about it. This is why I never pray with authority if I'm not sure what God has planned for a situation. If, I feel the need to consult the Holy Spirit because I am unsure of my thought, I'll simply do it (for more details on this subject see my study: *The Holy Spirit*).

There are also those who think that God sends or allows a disease to teach them or get them back on the right path. Such thoughts are incompatible with the use of the authority we've got in Christ.

Why?

Well because when I'm sick or suffering in my body, if I declare that I am healed, I would still have this doubt that says: "*What if that suffering came from God to teach me, or make me stay in bed so that I can read my Bible more?*".

I would like to reassure you, I have said such words to myself less than fifteen years ago. If you recognize yourself in these stupid attitudes, just know that I am not better than you. It is impossible to keep faith in action if at the same time I have the doubt that what I'm going through could be the will of God. As I often say, they are simply satanic thoughts. People say that I am an extremist when I say so, but it is a big mistake to believe that a satanic thought is only associated with something awful, full of blood, violent, or with people possessed by demons. No, a satanic thought can also seem to be very harmless in appearance.

When Paul command that the demon go out of this woman, it did not happen instantly, it took a little bit of time.

**Acts 16:18** *And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out **that very hour**.*

I do not think that this demon went out from this woman instantly, it is possible that it took several minutes. This is what is meant by, "*that very hour*". This is also why it is important to persevere. In this example, it is the demon which was the "retarding element", as well as perhaps the motivation of this woman to be delivered, making her deliverance to take a little while.

But at other times, it will be someone that the Holy Spirit will have to convince, or certain situations that have to take place. The key of all this is to never rely on our five senses, but to keep this assurance that the thing is granted because I pronounced it. This does not come from me but from Jesus Christ Himself who is the Word of God.

We have nothing less than Jesus had when He was on Earth in terms of authority. The only difference is that often we allow ourselves to be monopolized and invaded by carnal thoughts that come from the soul. But in terms of potential in us, Jesus had nothing more than us today. This is a fact that we are going to study together now.

It is one of the main ingredients: knowing the authority that has been given to me, knowing what its power is, and its limitations if any.

Any authority has a link with a power. If we take examples from our world, there are judges who endow the power of the law of a country. The same goes for the authority of God that was given to us. No one can say that he (she) was forced to go through the new birth. Because of the fact that we are born again, we are the representatives of God on Earth, His ambassadors, and as such, we have the **duty**, and not the possibility, of using His authority which is in us. Do not think that using the power of the word of God that is in us is an option.

Not at all!

It is a commandment.

Look what Paul said about this subject for his personal life.

**Colossians 1:29 (AMP)** *For this I labour [often to the point of exhaustion], striving with His power and energy, which so greatly works within me.*

**1 Corinthians 2:4** *And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and **of power**,*

These aren't phrases cleverly built to convince, or techniques borrowed from marketing that will make Christians stronger, or lead people to the new birth. It is by a clear demonstration of my teamwork with The Holy Spirit, using the authority of Christ which is in me.

Remember, we are the representatives of the Kingdom of God, not mere salesmen. We are the ones through which God works to accomplish His plan of eternal salvation.

Paul confirms this again here.

**1 Corinthians 4:20** *For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.*

Does this verse says that we must not talk, but simply act?

No, not at all!

Just before saying that, Paul was speaking about people in the church of Corinth who were swollen with pride and who used speeches that had the purpose of convincing others to worship themselves. And it is in this context that Paul says that the Kingdom of God does not consist of words. It is in relation to the words of these people that Paul speaks.

The power of the Kingdom of God that is within us cannot be compared to this case of flagrant pride, and even less be replaced with empty words.

There are two main lines authority. The first concerns evil powers, and the second, the matter.

When I have to use my authority against one or more demonic powers, people often speak about a fight. In many churches and among many Christians, we can hear also the term "*spiritual warfare*". I have met Christians who said they were "*specialized*" in spiritual warfare against the demonic powers. I must say that I do not really agree with this term of "warfare" regarding satan and his army. I do not think this is the best description. Because of this, many think that we have to fight, beat, be injured, and recover, exactly as a fight between two opponents pretty much of equal force.

Most Christians who speak that way, refer to Paul who spoke often about "fight" in his own life or even of those he taught. But Paul spoke only rarely about power of darkness in term of fight. When he used this term of fight, it

was most of the time to illustrate the struggle against persecution that he experienced, but also his own battle against his flesh, or the battle that each one of us against our flesh. This is not the same thing at all.

Most of the time, the reference verses which are used in churches are those where Paul speaks of fight or battle to Timothy.

**1 Timothy 6:12** *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

**2 Timothy 4:7** *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

In these passages Paul does not speak at all about fight against demonic spirits. He speaks simply about battle against our flesh, the one that Timothy must do against his own flesh also.

Understand that Jesus has accomplished everything at the cross, He didn't give us half of the victory, He has not just hurt satan and his demons so that we will have to finish the job.

Not at all!

He defeated him completely!

This is why this term "spiritual warfare" is, in my opinion, not the best way to describe our opposition to satan and his army.

When we command something to satan or his demons we do not have to fight at all. Jesus has already done this for us, there is no need to do it again, because satan has been already defeated. You can't really say that there is a fight in this case. All we have to do is enforce that judgment against him. Yet those evil powers are still on "partial release", because they still have the ability to suggest bad and false thoughts, but they have no choice but to comply with our words of authority. It is an established fact.

This is not because a demon will try to rebel that he can take back his victory lost at the cross. It is simply impossible for him, or for satan himself. (For more details on this subject see my study: *"The true color of satan"*).

We are in a total position of strength, because Jesus did the job for us.

Why is our authority also at the level of the matter?

Who created all the matter?

It is God of course.

What did he create this matter with?  
With the power of His Word.

It is the use of this same Word in us that can act on all matters.  
Everything is included in the matter: the human body, elements, any matter located on Earth. Our authority of the Word of God in us can act on absolutely everything.

Some might say that there is one thing that the use of Word of God's authority cannot act on. The fact that nobody can change a person.

Yes this is quite true.

But those people forget that we make a solid team with the Holy Spirit. He is the One that will convince others to change to accept the grace of Jesus in their lives. He is also the One that will change the way of thinking of some people in our favour so that God's plan may be fulfilled in our lives.

God gave us what He used to create the universe: His Word. So do you think you need more than that to succeed?

Of course not!

Do you want results in your Christian everyday life?

Then take and use your authority in Christ.

**Luke 4:36** *Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."*

What will trigger the action of the power of the Word of God in your words are words mixed with faith, without adding any doubt to it.

This is the authority, speaking words on behalf of Jesus Christ, in which there is no doubt, no questioning on my part or on the part of anyone.

This is where some people get stuck.

Do not think that it is complicated or that it takes a lot of energy to believe, not at all. As I often say, it is because it is so simple that many miss the point. You have to believe it, just simple as that.

*"Easy to say Franck!"*

Yes, easy to say, but easy to do also!.

Most of the time, when I talk with Christians who encounter such problems, it is almost always the same cause: they do not really know their Father in heaven. They have not understood and integrated in their thoughts that God loves them unconditionally. It is an essential parameter!

God loves you, no matter what!

So does it mean that I can act how I like, the love of God for me will not change?

Yes that is correct!

But if you do wrong, you will have to suffer certain consequences. If you disobey the law of your country, you will be punished by the same law, but God's love for you will remain intact. If you do evil to a close friend, you may lose his friendship, God's love for you will not change.

The opposite is also true!

Even if you spend three or four hours praying before you speak words of authority, God's love for you will not increase. It is already at the maximum! However you will reap the positive effects of this time, because your faith will have no difficulty being activated for your soul will have been renewed.

Of course I can provide joy to God or sadden His spirit in me, but His love for me will never vary whatever happens. This is a very important fact to understand, so you won't believe any thoughts that would say God loves you less or perhaps even not anymore.

This is an unchanging fact that you absolutely must have really accepted and understood. It is precisely because you understand that it is impossible that God's love grows or decreases towards you, that you are going to sin less and less.

It is not because the Bible says not to sin or because your pastor says that sin is harmful to you, that you will find the strength to no longer sin.

No, it is not because of this at all!

It is only because you have understood and known that, whatever happens, whatever you do, God will love you always with the same strength. To believe anything else is called "religion".

You will get the benefit at its maximum with such truth deeply rooted in you. You'll become victorious over things that you have tried to master for years sometimes. You will feel a weight of guilt go away, and instead you will generate a love for God that will grow more and more.

It is once again, and only because of this, that you will increasingly enter into a life of Holiness. And because you are going to move forward in this life, your

faith will automatically activate without any effort on your part. The doubt will be crushed by your faith, and your authority in Jesus Christ will be free to act through your words.

You must understand that your words are very important. Any authority is expressed most of the time with words.

***Proverbs 18: 21*** *Death and life are in the power of the tongue,...*

We are not always aware of it, but our words have a certain power. I do not speak here of the power of the Word of God, but simply of the effect that the words we can pronounce may have on us or on the people around us.

For example, the behaviour of a person who only hears positive and encouraging things, will change after a few years.

In the same way if we take the case of children who were enrolled by force to fight in the Middle East or in Africa, after a few months of well-targeted words, become little soldiers who have lost any kind of feeling, or any compassion.

I want to show by those examples that the words that we hear, will, after a certain period of time, change our way of being.

But some would ask me *“What is the link with spiritual authority”?*

If I want to take and use my authority in Christ, I have to choose the words that I will hear: for instance what I hear and see on television, on the internet, on the radio, and what I read in the newspapers, or in books... We could easily extend this list to any form of media, people or communication.

If I do not make a “choice” about everything that is offered to me, God will not be angry with me, not at all, but I'm going to suffer the consequences of my choices of listening.

Eventually, what's going to happen?

Nothing obvious at the beginning, and this is often the trap. Nothing happens precisely. All this work of change in the words that we listen to, is a work that moves slowly but surely. Without really noticing, I will change my way of thinking in the wrong direction on some subjects, and in a causal relationship, and I'll also change my way of acting.



I'm not saying that everything is bad, not at all. We should just adopt a prudent attitude, analyse all these things with the help of the Holy Spirit, and not be nonchalant in our own thoughts.

It is you who must manage your life with God, and not life that manages you. There are choices that each one of us must make. These choices will be different because we are all different. What's good for one is not necessarily good for another.

If I have the habit of talking negatively, well naturally when I have to pray with my authority, I will find hard to be positive in what I have to say.

In the same way, if I'm the kind of person who does what he says, for which his words are either 'yes' or 'no', and who does not put into question and does not change his opinion all the time, I'll see this way of thinking become an asset to express my spiritual authority.

This does not mean that expressing the spiritual authority is a kind of persuasion.

It is not that at all.

It is not by saying and saying again positive words that the authority will run. But the fact to be positive or negative in my words will simply be an activator of faith, or a generator of doubts.

Jesus speaking to the Pharisees said:

***Matthew 12: 34 ...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.***

In other words, our words are just the by-product of our thoughts. It will be useless to stop talking this way or that way, to stop listening to such and such thing: it is not at that level that actions are required. It is my thoughts that I need to change. If I do not act that way, all my good resolutions will fly away one after the other, it will only be a matter of time.

To change our way of thinking we must simply accept, as a first step, the fact that we don't think the right way. Without this, nothing will happen. Once we have noticed our bad ways of thinking on such and such subject, I will be able to begin to see what the Bible says in this regard and model my conduct to it little by little.

Do not think that this kind of process can be completed in a few hours. Yes the decision is fast, but the implementation is a process which will take more or less time depending on people.

**James 3: 2 (CEV)**... *But if you can control your tongue, you are mature and able to control your whole body.*

James explains it very well in this passage. Other translations talk about “*perfect man*”. I prefer clearly in this case the CEV version who speaks as “*mature man*”, because the notion of perfect man is still unconsciously somewhat inaccessible for many Christians. I'm a spiritual adult when I master my words.

I'm going to reassure some readers, I have not myself yet reached this state of adult permanently in my everyday life, but anyway, I am on the road to get there soon. I wish wholeheartedly that this is also your case.

Do not be discouraged! Keep up until the end, the Holy Spirit is here to help you.

**Matthew 12:37** *For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

This passage from Matthew is in the same context as the previous one, Jesus still speaks to the Pharisees, but this applies also to each person, and therefore to every Christian. In other words He said: “*Everyone is held responsible for what he says, either in a good or in an evil way*”.

What can be said about this passage?

Simply that we are the first to benefit from the good or the evil we speak. Often we have the feeling that the ones we talk to are the first affected, but not at all. We benefit from them in first place: our words bless us or sully us, way before they reach the others. This is why we must manage our thoughts so that our words are in accordance with the Word of God.

I know some people whose spiritual authority is still wavering today, because they are still struggling to stick to what they say in general. This passage from the book of James talks about it.

**James 5: 12** *But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.*

This example of James, is often misunderstood.

Regarding the first part of this verse, it is easy to understand that we must not swear by anything, that we must stick to what we said and not be like a weather vane, changing our mind as the wind blows.

But for the second part of it, many Christians think that if they act so, they will fall under the judgment of God.

Absolutely not!

This is not what this passage is saying.

The word "judgment" employed here comes from the original Greek word "Hupokrisis", which gave the English word *hypocrisy*.

James says in other words: *"If you don't respect what you pronounce, if you do not keep your words and if you change your mind all the time, you will fall into a condemnation of hypocrisy, which means that you become hypocrites"*.

There is no God's judgment upon His children, because His judgment has already been upon Jesus Christ on the cross. If God had to judge us, this would mean the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross was not sufficient. A pure heresy!

Therefore this is only what this passage says, and nothing more.

I think that everyone will now have understood how our words generated by our thoughts beforehand, are important to express our spiritual authority.

In a practical way, how can we change our way of thinking?

It is very simple! And within the reach of every Christian!

We must start by comparing what I think with what God thinks. There are two ways to do this.

The first one is to study the Bible: read in depth and try to understand what is expressed.

I remember a few years ago, I was talking with someone about reading the Bible. She told me: *"Oh I devour the Bible, I eat the chapters, and I read seven to ten chapters almost every day"*. She did not try to impress me at all, I think

she was very honest with what she was saying, and she had simply the feeling that the more she read the better it was.

Then after talking together, I told her: *“You should read more in depth, stay focussed on a few verses and study them, try to understand what the Holy Spirit wants to show you”*. Of course this does not prevent to read complete Biblical stories sometimes, but this is not a good thing to only do that. I have to say that this person has made huge improvements since she followed my advice, now she can say: *“I know what the Bible says about any particular subject, I know how to compare my thoughts with those of God”*. Her words and her attitudes have deeply changed since she has put this into practice.

Once you have "located" some of your thoughts which are not in agreement with the Bible, you will need to accept the fact that you have deceived yourself. Do not adopt a biblical thought without thinking about it, without having understood that your thinking was not good. Spend the needed time, but don't ever do anything without being convinced of it.

Why?

Because if you do that, you simply lose your time. Sooner or later you will return to your first thought, because you've never been convinced that your thinking was not good. When a demonic spirit comes in trying to make you agreeing with your first thought again, there are chances that you do what he tells you to do, simply because you did not have the conviction that the biblical thought is good.

The fact to compare our ideas with those of the Bible will not be done in a few days. For this also you must take your time, but be careful to not fall in asleep... Do not wait to have put all your ideas in line with those of the Bible before using your spiritual authority, because this can be done in a practical way, in parallel.

The second way by which I can compare my thoughts with those of God is a deep relationship with God, Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said many times in the Bible...

**John 5: 19** *Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*

He was himself subject to this kind of attitude. It was not a weigh for Him, because He understood that it was the only way to act well, to speak well, to

take good decisions. This is even truer about us in this regard. For He who has never sinned, understood this truth, then for us who sin because of our flesh, we should not think one second as to whether we need to put our thoughts in line with those of God or not.

We must strive to get more and more in depth in our relationship with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Then again, how can we do it in a practical way?

This second way is related to the first: nothing of what I see from my Father must contradict what the Bible says, because God does not contradict Himself.

How do you pray?

Are you talking most of the time during your prayer time?

It is indeed the case of the majority of Christians. They speak almost non-stop during their prayers. Moreover, for the majority of them, to pray = to talk. But prayer is not just that. Praying is talking, asking questions, listening, watching, and receiving. A French writer of the last century that I appreciate a lot, has said: *"it is in the silence that we can enter in the depths of Jesus Christ"*, and you know what? This is very true. So do not hesitate to take this kind of time.

Jesus spent nights to pray. Do you think He was speaking for eight or nine hours straight?

Of course not.

It was a dialogue mixed with moments of silence, of listening.

As I often say, provoke those times of prayer by isolating yourself without being caught by the time. I know that today most people have busy lives, but if this is your case, decide to organize your time because it will not organize by itself. If you live in a remote village, you have the advantage of not living a life of stress such as those who live in the city, but you will also have to decide to organize those times.

When you will be quiet without concern of time, find the position where you'll feel the best, the most comfortable. There, spend time with your Dad, tell Him what you think, what you have on your heart. Then wait on Him to talk to you by putting a thought in your spirit, a passage from His word in you. This is also what it is to conform our own thoughts to the ones from God.

Just remember that what you receive in prayer must match with what is in the Bible because God cannot contradict Himself (for more details on this subject see my study: *"How to study the Bible"*).

There is a fact that will show me that I entered in this process in order to conform my thoughts to those from God.

As we said earlier, if my thinking changes, my actions will change as well, but also my way of speaking, the words I use. This is a very good barometer, because this will not only show me that this process is on its way, but this will also encourage me because I know that my spiritual authority received from Jesus Christ will grow and I will be able to see the fruit of it.

We might think that God has given us His word to straighten things, somewhat like an upholder of the law or a righter of wrongs.

Well not really.

Even though I know that some may be shocked by what I'm going to say, God did not give us His word to be like "*police officers of His Kingdom*". No, the primary purpose of His word in us is to be able to ensure that His Kingdom will be more known and that the maximum on Earth choose to be part of it.

No offense to anyone, we are not soldiers, warriors, watchers, or even policemen of the heaven.

Not at all!

We are ambassadors, individuals who strive to represent the best way the Kingdom to which they belong to. Our authority must be used for this in first place. This is exactly what Jesus did.

**Luke 9: 51-56** *Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.*

In this example we are about six months before Jesus' arrest, after which He will be sentenced to die crucified. The disciples, including John and James, spent almost three years with Jesus, every day, every night, listening to all His teachings and seeing the result of all the words of authority He pronounced. But despite this, there is still an aspect of the authority that they did not understand.

Unfortunately we still see so many Christians today who think like John and James at that time. They call themselves "*Warriors of God, sentinel, soldier of the Lord ...*" Many of them think they have received a mission that the others have not received.

This is ridiculous, because all born again Christians have received exactly the same thing in terms of authority. Certainly all of them don't use it the same way, but we all have received exactly the same power of authority.

It is obvious in this instance that John and James, did not understand the usefulness of spiritual authority. Simply because Jesus had not been welcomed in a Samaritan village, they wanted to get revenge by using the power of the Word to do evil.

Their remark was referring to the Prophet Elijah, who twice sent fire from heaven on fifty soldiers. The disciples were ready to use the Word of God for something else that spreading the Kingdom.

I can understand that some might say: "Why not us, as Elijah did it?" But those same people, just like James and John at that time, remain with their thoughts imbued of the Law of Moses.

But a major event took place: the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Many Christians have not yet integrated this into their thoughts: the Law has been accomplished.

*"Eye for eye, tooth for tooth"*: it's over, finished!

This has no more place to be today, because Jesus has fulfilled all the Law.

Our authority should only be used to develop the Kingdom of Christ, to spread His teaching, the good news, the Gospel.

Therefore, our authority in Christ has not the purpose of revenge nor to straighten, but to bless, to show the love of God for humans that will lead them through the new birth and become disciples of Christ, which at their turn will make other disciples, but nothing else.

This example of Luke 9 is obvious regarding the use of our authority in Christ.

But then, when should I use my spiritual authority?

There are several opportunities to do so, in the case of a disease for example, or a particular circumstance. I'll give you, for example only, a list of things for which I proclaimed, I command something. This is not necessarily an example to take strictly, but simply given as an example.

- I proclaim that I am in good physical health.
- I proclaim that my family is united in Christ.
- I proclaim that I understand the Scriptures when I study them.
- I command that the demonic traps against me or my family be destroyed.
- I proclaim that I do not lack of anything materially.
- I proclaim that I have enough finances to invest in the Gospel.
- I proclaim that many people see their lives transformed by TRGN Ministries.

This list is not exhaustive, but it is simply here to show you where you can exercise your spiritual authority when you pray all by yourself.

There are of course other areas where I can exercise my spiritual authority. When I pray for a sick person. Here again, a long prayer is useless. Have you ever seen a police officer stopping someone and quoting him all the code's laws of his country before handling out a fine to this person? Obviously not!

In most cases it is very short, they inform you about your rights, and the officer said: *"I have to book you"*.

I remember when I arrived in Australia, I was driving my car and stopped at the traffic light, and my phone rang. Our youngest son Kyle had just returned to his school. I could see on my mobile that it was his teacher who was calling me. I thought I could take that call because I had stopped at the red light, so that's what I did. What I had not seen, was the police car just in front of me, which of course hailed me to pull over when I moved off again when the light turned green. Then the officer told me: "I'll have to book you with a \$335 fine because you were on the phone while your engine was running". It was very fast, he exercised his authority and didn't waste any time to explain to me the Australian law in this regard. He did not justified himself, he just simply said: *"I book you because you have violated the law"*. Then as a *"good French"*, I tried to discuss and negotiate, telling him that I was not aware of it because I had just arrived in the country. And he replied straight to me: *"Very well sir, so if you drive in Australia and you do not know the driving laws, I'll give you another fine for that!"* I kept a low profile very quickly, understanding that I was going to put myself even more in trouble if I kept trying to negotiate whatsoever. This policeman was determined to apply his authority without any discussion, and he was right on this point.



It is exactly the same thing when we use our authority in Christ. Do not justify yourself by referring all the situation to God, this is useless because He already knows it anyway; it is not what God asks to do. He requires you to use the authority that He gave you, not to call Him to your rescue whenever you pray for a sick person. You must simply declare or command, as the case may be.

I'll have to proclaim when I need to get something according to the promises of God: so it is a word that I must proclaim to see it come to pass.

A proclamation is the fact to make something know by his authority, a decision that has been taken. In the case that interests us, if for example I proclaim that I will not lack anything according to what the Bible says in:

***Philippians 4:19*** *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

But also:

***Psalms 23:1 (GW)*** *Song of David. The Lord is my shepherd. I am never in need.*

I have proclaimed in front of all spiritual beings that I will not be in need of nothing according to what the Bible says. I can do this because this is something already established by God. It is not necessary to command anything, because at the time I speak, there is no hindrance that I am aware of, to this. Then the fact to proclaim it regularly is the by-product of the faith that is in me. In this process, I declare that I have already received the consequence of my blessing and I thank my Father for what He has already planned to meet my needs, way before I think about it myself.

If I have a need, whatever it is, I will be able to exercise my authority, can it be a material or a moral need. Here as well I will proclaim.

I don't count anymore how many times I have declared that my family and I do not have material lack; we have received for months free food and even cars for free. It was good food and also very nice cars, not the second choice ones.

Our spiritual authority does not do half of the job!

On one hand, I will have to command something when a hindrance is in my way and try to prevent my words to be fulfilled.

When I speak about hindrance, this is most of the time a parameter external to God or to me, like a pain, a person, or one (or more) demonic(s) spirit (s), an

element of creation, etc. I will have to speak directly to this thing, or to the evil spirit that influence this person.

In any case, I must be very aware that I am talking to an entity, can be an illness, a pain, an element, an evil spirit, an element of the creation.

It is mainly in this case that most Christians make the mistake of asking God for help.

Our Father made us fully independent and self-sufficient in regard of this matter.

The fact to call upon God for help by saying for example: "*Oh my God removes this pain*", will only position yourself in a passive attitude which will generate doubt and will cancel your faith. Because with this kind of words, you will totally avoid the expected result, you will no longer be actor of the situation, as such you will be in a position of spectator who waits to see if things are going to happen or not. This kind of position will only generate doubt and this is not what God has planned for us in terms of authority.

On the other hand, I think that we urgently need to get out of this pattern of attitude of Christians who are constantly asking: "Please pray *for me*".

I'm not saying not to pray for each other, myself I pray for many of my brothers and sisters, but it comes on top of their own prayers. They are not anymore asking me: "*Franck please pray for me!*" Of course we need to pray for a person who would not be able for a reason or for another to pray himself with efficiency, this is not this kind of case that I am talking about. But simply that most Christians who face a difficulty in their lives, will first ask another Christian to pray on their behalf.

Let me tell you, at the risk of shocking you: "*My dear brother or my dear sister, sort things out yourself, using what you have received from God, you have everything you need to succeed*".

If you do not act that way, you will never get spiritually mature. Unfortunately, this is the reason why the Gospel is not understood and lived as it should be in the world.

Be mature, be full of boldness, and go for it. And from now on refuse to be lag behind, passive.

A few weeks ago I was contacted by a young boy who lives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. His name is Jordan. He contacted me one evening on

one of our social networks via the internet. We talked through instant messaging. I asked him if he was alright, and he told me that his little brother was in hospital with diarrhoea, had significant vomiting and high fever that would not leave. Dehydration can lead to very serious consequences, and I believe that Jordan knew it. His first reaction was to ask me to pray for his brother.

He told me: *“Franck, say just a word so that he will be healed”*. Then I asked him if he was born again and baptized. He told me that he was. Therefore I explained to him for long minutes, everything that he had himself received when Jesus came to dwell in him.

Then I told him: *“Are you baptized in the Holy Spirit? Do you speak in tongues?”* He told me that he wasn't.

So, at that point, two options were available to me.

The first would have been to tell him: *“This is ok Jordan, I'm going to pray for your little brother”*.

What would have been the result?

The Jordan's brother would have been healed, but Jordan would not have grown in his faith, because he had remained as a spectator. And if another problem of this kind show up later in his life, he will still be dependent on a brother or a sister to do the job on his behalf.

I chose the second option, which was to explain to him that he could receive the same spiritual authority than me. Therefore I led him to realize through the Scriptures, that he had received an authority exactly of the same nature than mine, than the one of Peter or Paul.

Once he understood this, I told him: *“Now, you are going to the hospital to see your little brother who is with your mother. Then you will put your hands on him and you will talk to the diarrhoea, and command it to stop in the name of Jesus. Once it is done, you will talk to vomiting and you will command to stop as well in the name of Jesus, then you will talk to the fever and command to leave immediately”*.

And I also told him that I was going to pray so that he can speak with all his authority.

I'm sure he was not feeling very comfortable on his way to the hospital, because he was on the point of doing something he had never done before. But he got over it.

A few days later Jordan contacted me via instant messaging to tell me that after having prayed for his brother the fever had gone, and the next day his brother was totally healed and up on his feet.

The spiritual authority that we all have received must become a way of life. It must be an integral part of my daily life. There are not areas where I will use it and other areas where I won't use it. My authority in Christ must apply in all areas of my life. I am sure that the next time that Jordan will face a problem, he will know how to act effectively.

Things would be so different if all Christians would use their authority in Jesus Christ regularly. The consequences, at a global level, would be enormous. Every Christian strengthened, could take care of themselves and especially caring for others instead of asking to be taken care of, whereas they do not really need it.

We could see many miracles more regularly, the Gospel would spread much more. Christians would be much more independent and would not fall into ridiculous traps of wrong teachings or of false teachers of the Bible. They would not believe anything and especially for some of them, wouldn't do anything stupid.

How many so-called preachers, prophets or apostles lead the Christians to do so astounding things?

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