

Defend America, our families, friends, jurisdictions...

Gratitude for God's mercy and protection is essential for our spiritual well-being and the strength of our faith communities. This message highlights key aspects of our spiritual responsibilities and the authority we have been given through Christ. Let's delve deeper into the scriptures and the principles of defending families, friends, jurisdictions and America:

1. Gratitude and God's Mercy:

- **Lamentations 3:22-23** (NIV): "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
- It is through God's unending mercy and compassion that we find strength and hope every day.

2. Authority in Christ:

- **Matthew 12:26** (NIV): "If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?"
- **John 14:12** (AMP): "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father."
- Jesus demonstrated His authority over evil and has given us the same authority to combat spiritual forces.

3. Prayer vs. Authority:

- **John 17**: Jesus' prayer for His disciples and all believers shows the importance of intercessory prayer.
- **Matthew 16:23**: Jesus rebukes Peter, showing His authority over evil influences.
- We must differentiate between seeking God through prayer and exercising the authority He has given us over spiritual darkness.

4. Loving and Praying for Enemies:

- **Matthew 5:43-48** (AMP): Jesus calls us to love and pray for our enemies, showing the transformative power of God's love in action.
- This love and prayer are essential in diminishing the influence of evil and bringing about change.

5. Action Steps for Believers:

- **Daniel 11:32** (NIV): "...but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action."
- Believers are called to take action based on their knowledge and relationship with God.
- **Discover, understand, and exercise spiritual authority**: Each believer has a sphere of influence and authority that they must recognize and operate within.

6. Combating Terrorism and Evil:

- **Love and pray for those influenced by evil:** Transforming hearts through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit is essential.
- **Exercise spiritual authority:** Standing firm against the plans of the enemy by declaring God's word and promises over situations is absolutely needed.
- **Reading and studying God's word:** These are required to ensure we are praying accurately, doing things God's way and being responsible when exercising our spiritual delegated authority over the enemies of darkness.
- **Be a doer of God's word:** **James 1:22** emphasis to be doers of His word, not just hearing His word, avoiding deception.

James 1:22 (NKJV)

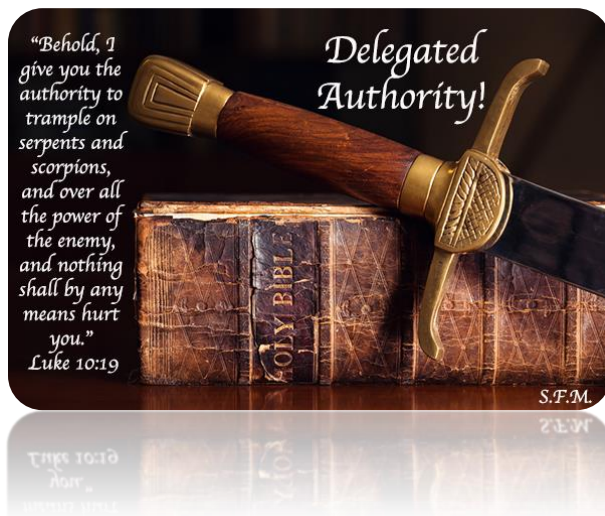
But be **doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22 (AMP)

But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].

By embracing these principles and actively applying them, we can create a significant impact in our communities and beyond. As believers, we are called to be proactive in our faith, using the authority given to us by Jesus to bring about positive change and stand against the forces of darkness.

Let's continue to support one another in effective **prayer**, **loving** our enemies, boldly exercising our spiritual **authority**, **reading** and **studying** God's word with regularity and **application** to see God's Kingdom advance on earth. Amen.



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