

Godly Family Training
Exercising our delegated authority in the spirit realm
Part 5



1. It would be wise for parents to practice using their delegated authority in the spirit realm in front of their children.
2. The children need to **see** their father and mother as spiritual warriors.
3. Based on each child's maturity level they should know a few things about their real enemies, which are Satan and his kingdom or dominion. Training will be needed for sure.
4. Here are some recommended verses for children to memorize for this subject.

1 John 4:4

4 for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. RSV

Ephesians 6:12 (For older children)

12 For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but **against** the principalities, **against** the powers, **against** the world rulers of this present darkness, **against** the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. RSV

5. Here is a method we can use to teach this vital subject to our children. (I tell you, you watch me, we do it together, I watch you, and you keep it up) "The Seven Laws of the Learner". (By Dr. Bruce Wilkinson)
6. Since each child is different, I believe this method should be done with each child in the family on an **individual** basis.

Scriptures references to consider for exercising our authority in the spirit realm

Luke 11:20-22 (Copy Jesus our strong Man in all we do!)

20 But if I am casting out demons because of power from God, it proves that the Kingdom of God has arrived.

21 "For when **Satan**, strong and fully armed, guards his palace, it is safe—

22 until **someone stronger and better**-armed attacks and overcomes him and strips him of his weapons and carries off his belongings. (TLB)

Mark 8:33

33 But turning around [His back to Peter] and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, **Get behind Me, Satan!** For you do not have a mind intent on promoting what God wills, but what pleases men [you are not on God's side, but that of men]. AMP

Mark 16:17

17 And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will **drive out demons**; AMP

John 14:12

12 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. AMP

1 Peter 2:21

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should **follow His steps**... (NKJV)

Ephesians 5:1

1 THEREFORE BE imitators of God [**copy Him and follow His example**], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]. (AMP)

John 17:18

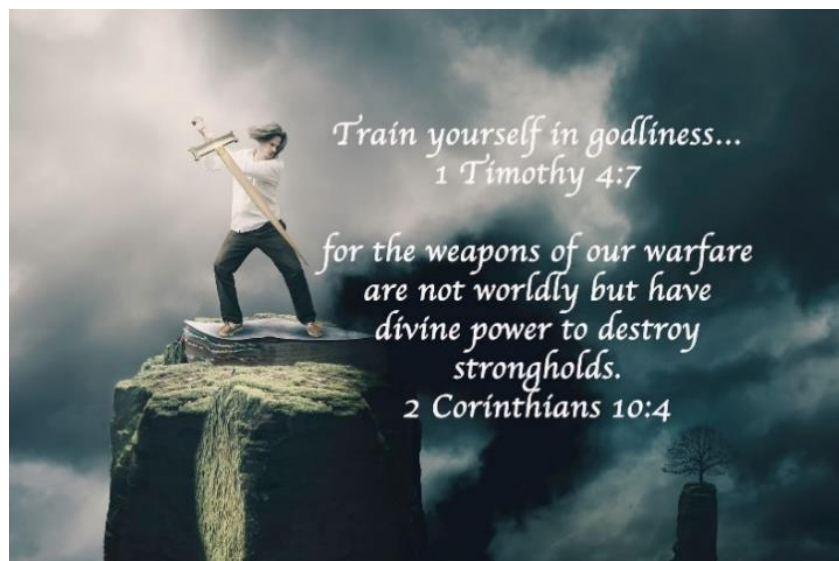
18 Just **as You sent Me** into the world, **I also have sent them** into the world. (AMP)

1 John 4:17

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because **as He is, so are we in this world**. (NKJV)

Ephesians 6:17

17 And **take**... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. RSV



Bible Commentary (Luke 11:14-26)

Christ Casts Out a Devil, the Blasphemy of the Pharisees (11:14-26)

Christ's thus casting out the devils, was really the destroying of their power. The heart of every unconverted sinner is the devil's palace, where he dwells, and where he rules. There is a kind of peace in the heart of an unconverted soul, while the devil, as a strong man armed, keeps it. The sinner is secure, has no doubt concerning the goodness of his state, nor any dread of the judgment to come. But observe the wonderful change made in conversion. The conversion of a soul to God, is Christ's victory over the devil and his power in that soul, restoring the soul to its liberty, and recovering his own interest in it and power over it. All the endowments of mind of body are now employed for Christ. Here is the condition of a hypocrite. The house is swept from common sins, by a forced confession, as Pharaoh's; by a feigned contrition, as Ahab's; or by a partial reformation, as Herod's. The house is swept, but it is not washed; the heart is not made holy. Sweeping takes off only the loose dirt, while the sin that besets the sinner, the beloved sin, is untouched. The house is garnished with common gifts and graces. It is not furnished with any true grace; it is all paint and varnish, not real nor lasting. It was never given up to Christ, nor dwelt in by the Spirit. Let us take heed of resting in that which a man may have, and yet come short of heaven. The wicked spirits enter in without any difficulty; they are welcomed, and they dwell there; there they work, there they rule. From such an awful state let all earnestly pray to be delivered. Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary.

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