

Authority and Rebellion

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:32-33)

The stronghold of power instigates conflict over control. The first power struggle began between Lucifer and the Lord God, and will continue until the end of the age.

1. Control operates in two realms: power and direction.
2. Self-control submits in reverence to a higher authority.
3. Exercising control over another person is abuse.

Chain of Command

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. (Matthew 28:18)

Authority is conferred by its source to others through a chain of command.

1. Order: an assignment consistent with the issuer’s purpose.
2. Authority: sufficient rights are assigned to accomplish the order.
3. Responsibility: the one given the order is responsible to complete it.

A broken chain of command misaligns authority and responsibility.

1. Going rogue and being at cross-purposes with superiors (lack of direction).
2. Disconnected from true authority (lack of power).
3. Conflict: taking responsibility where you have no authority.

Prayer strategy

1. Make sure you are aligned with God’s authority and chain of command. Confess and repent to be reconciled.
2. If someone in authority over you has gone rogue, align yourself with God’s authority.
3. Seek clarity on “commands to obey” to strengthen the chain of command.

Spirit of Rebellion

For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (Romans 1:21)

The spirit of rebellion has been fostering independence and self-reliance since the beginning. The primary entry points are as follows:

1. Caused by pride.
2. Response to broken chain of command.
3. To fill an apparent authority void.

Symptoms of rebellion:

1. Suspicion of leaders and leadership.
2. Independence and an inability to bond.
3. Unwilling or unable to comply with orders.
4. Defaulting to the devil’s authority.
5. Addiction and other “unwanted behaviors”.