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Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

Titus 3:1-2 (NLT)

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.”

Matthew 8:5-6 (NLT)

Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.” But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.”

Matthew 8:7-8 (NLT)

I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, “Go,” and they go, or “Come,” and they come. And if I say to my slaves, “Do this,” they do it.

Matthew 8:9 (NLT)

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!”

Matthew 8:10 (NLT)

Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.

Matthew 8:13 (NLT)

“We will never be over those things that God has set under us until we learn to be under those things that God has placed over us. There is strength through surrender.”

- Adrian Rogers

REMINDERS ABOUT AUTHORITY

1. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF AUTHORITY

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. There is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:1-2 (NIV)

2. REBELLION FROM AUTHORITY LEADS TO THE OPPOSITE OF FREEDOM

*... “I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.”
Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.*

Isaiah 14:13-15 (NLT)

3. GOD IS PREPARING YOU FOR AUTHORITY WITH AUTHORITY