

# Authority

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## I. Introduction.

A. Identity.

B. Reputation.

1. We ought to make our gifts available to all the body of Christ.

2. We need the church and the fellowship of the believers.

C. Jesus' authority was different from His contemporaries—His word was with power.

## II. Jesus won respect by showing respect for needy people.

A. Need does not determine the will of God.

B. Jesus kept His life in balance—He withdrew into the wilderness, but at the same time, He won respect.

C. Authority in ministry is only localized in Christ. (Matthew 23:8)

D. Authority always has to be earned. (II Corinthians 1:24)

E. God is seeking men and women who will worship Him. (John 4:23)

## III. The mission.

A. Medicine is a ministry; the primary focus, however, is the lost.

B. Our mission is to call sinners to repentance.

### **Application questions:**

1. How did Jesus model leadership?

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2. How does the church get ministry out of balance?

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3. How can we maintain proper perspective when we get involved in or organize church activities? Explain.

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