

Luke 9:1

“1 And He called the twelve together, and gave them power (δύναμις dýnamis) and authority (ἐξουσία exousía) over all the demons and to heal diseases.”

2 Avenues Jesus operated through in healing, deliverance

1. Power
2. Authority

Remember, Jesus is the model, the standard - not your favorite ministry

- He did both

His Baptism and After

Luke 4:14 - 14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power (dynamis) of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

- V 32 - Authority
- V 36 - And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, “What is this message? For with authority (exousia) and power (dynamis) He commands the unclean spirits and they come out.”

So There Exists a Spectrum

- “Camps” tend to park on one end of the spectrum more, based on personal revelation. Weakness is not with the power or authority itself but with a particular camp’s emphasis on them.

POWER		AUTHORITY
Strengths: dependence, efficiency	↔	Strengths: not “atmosphere” dependent, solid foundation
Weaknesses: if there’s no sense of moving, frozen, some have to get lost into church for anything to happen	SPECTRUM	Weaknesses: some things don’t budge, can become rigorous/legalistic

- The end goal is not to just be in the **right camp** but to **bear fruit**.
- Not to pit against but to **embrace tension**

As with Anything, the Holy Spirit is there to lead and be our teacher

- I believe that Jesus **could sense** when to move in both!!!



Let's break down each word:

Authority:

Greek Word **ἐξουσία exousía** - Ability to choose, granted rights, permission, representation

Important note: *The amount of authority is directly tied to submission to the primary mission*

- **Being commissioned**
 - Commissioning **actual act** of granting authority

Jesus Came with Authority - Commissioning

Luke 4:18-19- His Commission

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed,
19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."*

- Didn't have to think twice, should I heal this blind man?
- Jesus came from a higher authority than the enemy

Best example of authority: Luke 7:1-10

- Verse 8
- *understood that Jesus Was perfectly in submission to the Mission - higher authority*

Welcomed them, and US into His commissioning - Great Commission

- **Matthew 28:16-20**
- **V18** "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 [a]Go therefore..."

Inherent vs Delegated authority

- **Can get weird if not understood**
- We have authority as it relates to **the mission**





Power:

Greek Word **δύναμις dýnamis** - inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

- power for performing **miracles (used this way often)**

Luke 5:17 - Power (dynamis) was present to perform Healing

- **Power**
 - Pauls handkerchief, Peter's shadow, etc.
 - Right next to the commission:
 - Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power (dynamis) from on high."
 - Acts 1:8 - "but you will receive power (dynamis) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
 - **Great Commission is to authority what Pentecost is to power**

Compare/Contrast

Mark 5:21-42

- this was not authority with the Woman of the issue of blood
- I believe it was with the dead girl

Mark 6:1-6

- could do no miracle there...**except a few**
- Matthew 13:58 And He did not do *many* **miracles** there because of their unbelief.

They had taken offense at Him...would they be bringing sick out in droves and approaching Him?

Power gives us the physical capabilities to carry out an action, and authority gives us the permission to act legally.

Sometimes moving in authority opens up the display of power

- Smith Wigglesworth quote, "If God's not moving, I'll move Him"
- **Authority you take, power you catch, partner with**

Power: stuff starts to happen whether you're moving with it or not; partner with it when you recognize

- Tangibility, almost visibility to it





Just going out to pray for people - authority, generally. Difference from a meeting where things are flowing.

Want to grow in authority? More submission to the mission

Power? More encounter with the powerful One

- Both of them you can apprehend to a greater degree, grow in, gain momentum in
- Stronger when married
- Healing is something we go after!!! backed by the authority and power of heaven!!

Notable *δύναμις* occurrences:

[Act 4:33 NASB95] 33 And with great power[G1411] the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

[Act 10:38 NASB95] 38 "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power,[G1411] and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

[Rom 15:19 NASB95] 19 in the power[G1411] of signs and wonders, in the power[G1411] of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

[1Co 2:4 NASB95] 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,[G1411]

[1Co 4:20 NASB95] 20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.[G1411]

[Gal 3:5 NASB95] 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles[G1411] among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

[1Th 1:5 NASB95] 5 for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power[G1411] and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

[Heb 2:4 NASB95] 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles[G1411] and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

