



# Design: Possesses spiritual authority that is recognized by others

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	<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>Experiential</b>	<b>Relational</b>	<b>Instructional</b>
1	Meditate on Acts 6:3; 16:2; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18; 3 John 1:12. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Volunteer to serve in a role or ministry according to the spiritual gifts that you have and use regularly.	Get to know people who are good examples in this regard; imitate their life.	Study Acts 6:3; 16:2; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18; 3 John 1:12.
2	Pray using 2 Corinthians 10:17-18. Ask for God to give you understanding about spiritual authority, to help you boast in Him alone.	Think of your experiences in the past where you could feel the spiritual power of others that transformed your life. How were you changed? Journal about this.	Find some role models in this regard and interview them to learn from them.	Study topics on spiritual authority. Learn from Paul's ministry (Acts 19:1-20).
3	Pray using Matthew 28:18-20, thanking God for the spiritual authority to do His will.	Evaluate your own ministry to others. What was the motive in your ministry? Did you focus on the spiritual authority given by God or on your own ambition?	Ask one or two spiritual friends to hold you accountable.	Listen to sermons, teaching, and podcasts on spiritual authority.
4	Find teachings and verses about how Jesus used His spiritual authority to serve and build others (Matthew 9:1-38, etc.) Pray that you would have such spiritual authority and use it to serve others.	Evaluate your own ministry. Who has been transformed because of the ministry you did?	Listen to the testimonies of people who had weaknesses, but were used by God to show His spiritual authority.	Listen to audio teachings on Spiritual Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
5	Worship God with songs about His power and authority.	Make a journal every time you hear someone testify of being transformed by your ministry and challenge that person to do the same to others.	Listen to the hearts of people around you and the needs they have, and pray for them.	Find and read books and articles on spiritual authority (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
6	Pray that you would recognize and give God praise for His authority in your life. Submit your authority to Him and ask Him to use it.	Make a team project designed to nurture and use your spiritual gifts (together with those who have the same spiritual gifts).	Ask an intercessor or two to pray for you in this regard.	Make a list of various spiritual authorities and Christian figures who have spiritual authority. From the list above make a list of the types of spiritual authority you have.
7	Reflect on your own motives in desiring to possess spiritual authority. Confess, receive God's grace, and repent. Ask God to purify your motives.	After you minister or serve someone, ask them if they felt God working in them and how, then ask them to give you constructive suggestions for growth. Evaluate and adjust accordingly.	Build a team with the same spiritual giftings and commit to one another to do a project regularly that uses those spiritual gifts.	Study one or two scriptural examples of people who were placed in leadership but had no spiritual authority. What were the results?
8	Ask God to give you the spiritual authority you need, and to help you humbly use that authority for His glory alone.			Study one or two scriptural examples of leaders who had spiritual authority. What characterized their leadership?
9	Fast and pray regularly so you will have a discerning spirit to use your spiritual authority wisely.			Study the Bible regarding how spiritual authority cannot be separated from life in prayer and close relationship with God.
10				Study how Jesus emptied (kenosis) Himself and lived in obedience to the Father. (Philippians 2:1-11)
11				Teach someone how spiritual authority is a grace given to leaders, and how it is to be used to bring people to Jesus. (Matthew 28:18-10)