

Authority, anointing and power

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

(MAT 28:18-19)

Anointing and power

And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. And he *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and as was his custom, he entered the synagogue on the sabbath, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. And he opened the book and found the place where it was written, "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, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVOURABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

(Luke 4:14-19)



Authority trumps power

BASIS FOR COMPARISON	POWER	AUTHORITY
Meaning	Power means the ability or potential of an individual to influence others and control their actions.	The legal and formal right to give orders and commands, and take decisions is known as an Authority.
What is it?	It is a personal trait.	It is a formal right, given to the high officials.
Source	Knowledge and expertise.	Position & office
Hierarchy	Power does not follow any hierarchy.	Authority follows the hierarchy.
Resides with	Person	Designation
Legitimate	No	Yes

Authority is the legal and formal right to give orders and commands, and take decisions. Power is a personal trait, i.e. An acquired ability, whereas authority is a formal right, that vest in the hands of high officials or management personnel. The major source of power is knowledge and expertise.

Where should you use your authority?

Nehemiah's example

“now I was cup bearer to the king”

Where you have influence

Where you are sent

Anointed for what?

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favourable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our god; to comfort all who mourn, to grant those who mourn *in Zion*, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
(Isa 61:1-3)

Power follows the anointing

"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in my name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark 16:17-18

"as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. Mat 10:7-8