

SERMON NOTES

"The Believer's Authority"

Luke 7

- We are beginning a new series on "authority" today.

(Luke 7:1-10)

- One of the greatest discoveries you can make would be to discover the principle of spiritual authority!
- general definition of authority: *legal standing backed up by the power of the one who gives it.*
- Christian's definition of authority: *authority is the right of God to lovingly guard and guide your life by His established authorities.*

- It seems to me that God established 3 institutions to help man learn to submit to authority:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I. The _____ of Spiritual Authority (v. 8) - *a higher authority*

(Matthew 28:18) (I Peter 3:22) (Ephesians 1:20-23)

II. The _____ of Spiritual Authority (v. 8) - *you can't be over unless you are under*

(Psalm 119:54)

- God's laws are meant to be music! Most people think that God's laws bring _____ but they bring _____.
- This is why:
 - some preachers have no power
 - some men aren't the head of the family
 - some women have rebellious children
 - some children have no victory over fleshly temptations

III. The _____ of Spiritual Authority (v. 8)

- The Centurion had tremendous strength in his life!
- It's time God's children start living like His children.