

# HONEY... I GOT YOU COVERED

A conversation about Authority & Oneness in Marriage



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# AUTHOR'S NOTE



My heart and responsibility as a pastor is to be as thorough as possible in everything I speak, teach and preach as the individual responsible for feeding the lives of the attenders of my local assembly (Church).

I don't take what I do lightly and I want you to know that what I preach I do all that I can to live it. It is imperative to me that as a pastor, you get from me the most pure nutrition for your mind, body and soul.

So I felt led to address a marriage topic, that is relevant to both single men and women as well.

The reason I find it necessary to speak on this topic is because of the abuse for many decades based on skewed interpretation.

I'm going to be talking about Authority of Oneness, in our Marriage, explaining what Paul meant, what he didn't and why this is of great value to us all.

Getting this right early in your marriage can make the difference between years of happiness, enjoyment and fulfillment and years of discontent, dissatisfaction and loneliness.

Young men and women pay attention you'll have the burden to make sure that you learn this, teach it, and live it!

This ebook isn't all I have to say on the subject so be sure to look through our library of content for more on the subject.

For the seasoned Christian I challenge you to open your heart and mind and be receptive to the words in this ebook as I know that you may read few things that may go against what you've been taught in the past.

I will be taking my time with this topic as I believe it's fundamentally vital to our walk as Christians especially for the married Christians.

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# MISSING THE FULL CONTEXT

1 Corinthians 11:2,3 +10-12 Corinth is an ancient city and former municipality in Corinthia, located in south-central Greece, Paul is about 180 miles away in a town called Ephesos, and he is responding by way of a letter to concerns about the assembly (church) being divided.

*2)I am so glad that you always keep me in your thoughts, and that you are following the teachings I passed on to you.*

*3)But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of a woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.*

*10)For this reason, and because the angels are watching, a woman should wear a covering on her head to show she is under authority.*

*11) But among the Lord's people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women. 12) For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God.*

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I can't just read these few verses and leave its full context out and make this a doctrine as many religious circles have done for many years...

Many have taken this to mean that women are to wear veils in the church service...

Many have also taken this out of context to make it about rank and Hierarchy.

- 1)What was Paul addressing?**
- 2)What was the nature of this letter?**
- 3)How is this applicable and relevant in today's modern times?**

To give you clarity this chapter has 34 verses so I can't just stop on verse 12 and say: ooh I got it I don't need the next part of the letter...

It would be irresponsible of me...  
Let's read what Paul is addressing in the latter part of

this letter.

*1 Corinthians 11:17-18*

*But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it.*

The Crux of this chapter has to do with unity when coming together and rebuking divisions amongst the early churchgoers!

This chapter had nothing to do with marriage, marriage wasn't what Paul was addressing, he was using marriage and the church as a model for why we come together and how we should act when we come together...

Paul is affirming Oneness, unity, and harmony when we come together and he used marriage as a model for his point!

# IT'S ABOUT DEPENDABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

*Colossians 2:18-19 Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.*



The Head covering isn't necessarily hierarchical (relating to rank) it's about dependability and accountability.

It had to do with codependency on each other. You cannot and will not survive working, living, thinking, planning, independent of each other!

In Verse 11 Paul makes it clear that both men and women aren't independent of each other but codependent to each other.

The hyperbole that Paul decides to use is that of the Custom of a married woman's head covering representing commitment in marriage therefore, wearing a Head covering. It's a hyperbole an exaggerated comparison not intended to be taken literally.

In this particular place of the world and time in our history when in public, women wore a veil indicating to others, that she was married or betrothed to be married.

Paul wasn't simply emphasizing a head covering but according to verse 10 Paul is stressing Authority and Order

Paul wants the church of Corinth to understand the power and defeat of living in order in contrast to living out of order.

Order in oneness is what aligns you and me under God's Authority.

I'll elaborate more on this later...

It would be unconscionable to walk into a restaurant and be greeted by a headless waiter...

Or just imagine going to purchase movie tickets and on the counter was a bodiless head smiling asking: can I help you?

(Please excuse my crass sense of humor at times.)



The head and the body are one of the same never independent of each other.

In Marriage, you are necessarily and unavoidably attached.

Jesus the Son of God could not, and would not, work independently of His Father God.

Jesus said; (I'm paraphrasing) I do the will of the father, I speak the words of the father, He and I are one, I do nothing from my initiative.....

In other words, Jesus the Son of God was incomplete without the Father God, but attached to His father, Jesus was God On earth with man.

In marriage, if I'm living a life, that leaves out my wife, that deliberately excludes my spouse: I'm not only incomplete, but I'm living in rebellion!

My wife doesn't complete me she compliments me, as I don't complete my wife I compliment her.

My wife and I are two independent spiritual beings, that have taken an oath and made a covenant to each other and God, promising to live out our lives as one in marriage.

In the oath, and covenant of

marriage, we're one in our marriage union, but in our union, we'll always be independent Spiritual beings.

Every day I have the constant wonderful burden to remind my independence that I'm committed to living attached in Marriage to one woman, specifically to the one I said: I do!

Anything and everything I do to deliberately Detach myself from the unity and oneness of marriage will leave us both susceptible to damaging consequences.

When I detach myself from my commitment as a husband it is by definition what we call Rebellion.

Rebellion means an act of violent or open resistance to an establishment or rule of government...

This is what divorce is.....



Divorce:

a legal decree dissolving a marriage.

Another definition is the separation between things that were or ought to be connected.

# IT'S NOT YOUR LAST RESORT...



If you're divorced, God can and will heal you and restore you.

But if you're married, divorce should not be your go-to consideration when things are on the down and down.

This next statement isn't an endorsement of support nor am I being disparaging...

You'll never find it in the Bible where God specifically says He hates homosexuality!

Do you know what you will find him say he hates? That's right! You guessed it. God Hates Divorce!

*Malachi 2:16*

*"For I hate divorce!" says the Lord, the God of Israel. "To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife."*

Many churches are on homosexuality bashing bandwagon all the while divorces run rampant in our churches.

Let me tell you more... you don't

have to be legally divorced to be divorced!

Many married people are living divorced under the same roof!

You're divorced in your parenting, divorced in your finances, divorced in your discipline, divorced in your behavior towards each other, but as long as I'm legally married I'm right before the Lord. This is wrong!

Paul's emphasis on unity and oneness in marriage was to heighten the severity of our need for each other under the Authority in marriage.

In a nutshell, the definition of SIN is independence from God!!!

Our independence from God is SIN!

*James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

*Independence from God, is rebellion and anarchy!*

*Why does this exist, and why is it so prevalent, especially in our churches?*



*Genesis 3:16*

*Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."*

Antagonism in the relationship would now be the norm as a consequence of their Sin,

In the beginning man and woman operated flawlessly between each other, everything couldn't be more perfect, until they let sin creep in.

Your relationship will be a constant reminder of what sin did between God and his creation.

As a result of the inherent sin in us all, we'll naturally want to resort to quarreling and bickering by default.

Because of the sinful nature in us all we all struggle with the innate desire to want to control, rule over, and manipulate each other.

To Antagonize is to cause someone to become hostile.

Any divided kingdom, divided house or divided relationship will not, and cannot stand.

Satan can legally prevail where division excels.

Division amongst couples isn't Satan's sole purpose and goal, causing division is the realm in which he operates.

Why does satan persist in dividing husband, wife, sons, daughters, dads, and moms?

Whoever owns the family owns the future...

*1 Corinthians 11:10*

*For this reason, and because the angels are watching, a woman should wear a covering on her head to show she is under authority*

This is where we lose most women and get the attention of most men!!!!

If these words aren't laid out and read in its proper context, the way it's done today in many churches, it creates a skewed view of Christian Marriage in this modern world.

So my heart is to explain this in a way that gives glory and honor to both Men and Women.

When I explain this, wives ought to be excited about being UNDER authority (yes under) and husbands will probably be Terrified.

This will take a bit to unpack but trust me it'll be worth it.

Interesting that Paul says in verse 10 "Because the Angels are Watching".

Now, this moment in scripture reveals a spiritual premise for being under Authority.

Why should this matter to me?

Paul doesn't only say Angels are watching, He also tells us what they are watching for.

The covering of her head shows the Angels that she is a woman under proper Authority!!!

Now the Authority she's under, isn't the Authority belonging to her husband.

This is where this gets even more interesting.

The Authority you're under is the Authority your Husband Is Under!

\*Please refer to the illustration to better understand my point.

The Harmonious Authority of Oneness in Marriage illustration

The illustrations on the right are but a simple illustration to depict the various ways Oneness, Authority of Oneness looks like in many households.

I chose a Yellow Umbrella to depict the covering authority of oneness and ways that many couples are structured at times before marriage and times after marriage.

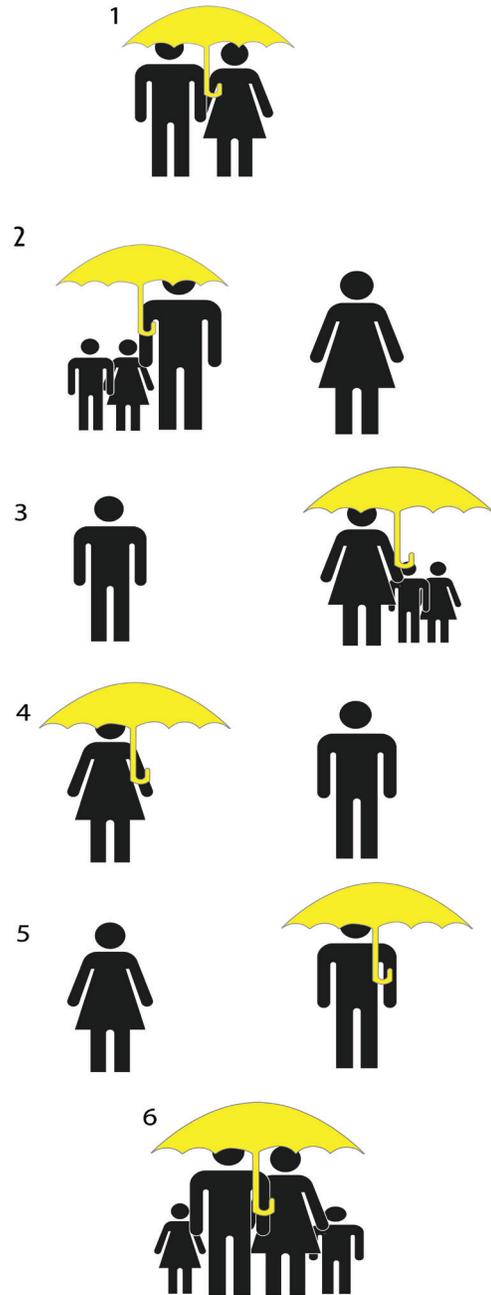
The first depicts a couple who are both covered with the God given authority that unites them in harmonious Oneness setting themselves up for an exchange of blessings and more via angels responding to Gods authority from heaven to earth because of the order they both are surrendering under.

The second is of a husband and his children who may be covered but his wife either chooses not to be covered or perhaps the spouse refuses to cover her, either way it isn't the ideal scenario.

In the third illustration we see the image of a mom that is covering her children without the involvement of her husband. Again this could be for many reasons but this too isn't the right order.

In 4 & 5 one or the other is covered while the other isn't. Often this is the case before marriage and even after marriage in either cases it isn't what God designed as the appropriate order of authority which His angels respond to.

Lastly 6) we see a healthy depiction of what heavenly authority looks like in God's Authority of Oneness for healthy Godly marriages.



# WHY DOES IT MATTER?

*1 Corinthians 11:10*

*For this reason, and because the angels are watching, a woman should wear a covering on her head to show she is under authority.*

Two things are to be noted in this verse at a glance, and that is the fact that the verse leaves out two major descriptive components.

## 1) Which Angels are watching?

## 2) What authority are they watching for?

This is where we differ in Marriage from the marriage of this world!

*Colossians 1:16-17*

*for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.*

Christian Marriage is a Supernatural God Institution and cannot be replicated by this world no matter how good this world's intentions are.

This world may want to replicate it or conjure up its version of marriage, but Marriage in all of its glory has to be left in the hands of the Originator for it (Marriage) to function as He (God) intended.

There are over 300 references about Angels in the Bible.

Let me give you a brief synopsis of what Angels are and what they do.

## 1 They are spiritual beings

Angels can be seen and unseen

*Hebrews 1:14*

*Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation.*

*Hebrews 13:2*

*Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!*

## 2 Rational Beings, Emotions, Will and Intellect

They have, will, in that they have a choice, they can rebel, they have emotions, they rejoice, and they can get angry. angels are not energy or a force they are angelique beings.

*1 Peter 1:12*

*They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.*

*Luke 15:10*

*In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."*

## 3 Insurmountable Beings

*Daniel 7:10*

*and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened. They're so many that they can't be counted*

## 4 They are operational beings

Angels have jobs, They worship, they carry out the plans of God as his agents for both God and God's children.

Angels are functional!

*Psalms 103:19-22*

*The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands.*

*Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!*

*Hebrews 1:14 as a saved man or woman as a child of God you have been assigned angels at your service...*

if you're not saved they're is no biblical reference of Angels ministering to you...

Angels are not for everyone, they are sent for those that will inherit salvation

## 5 They are Mighty beings

*2 Thessalonians 1:7*

*And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels,*

## 6 They can control Nature,

When God moves on the earth and in the earth he does so through angels...

*Revelation 16:5*

*And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying, "You are just, O Holy One, who is and who always was, because you have sent these judgments.*

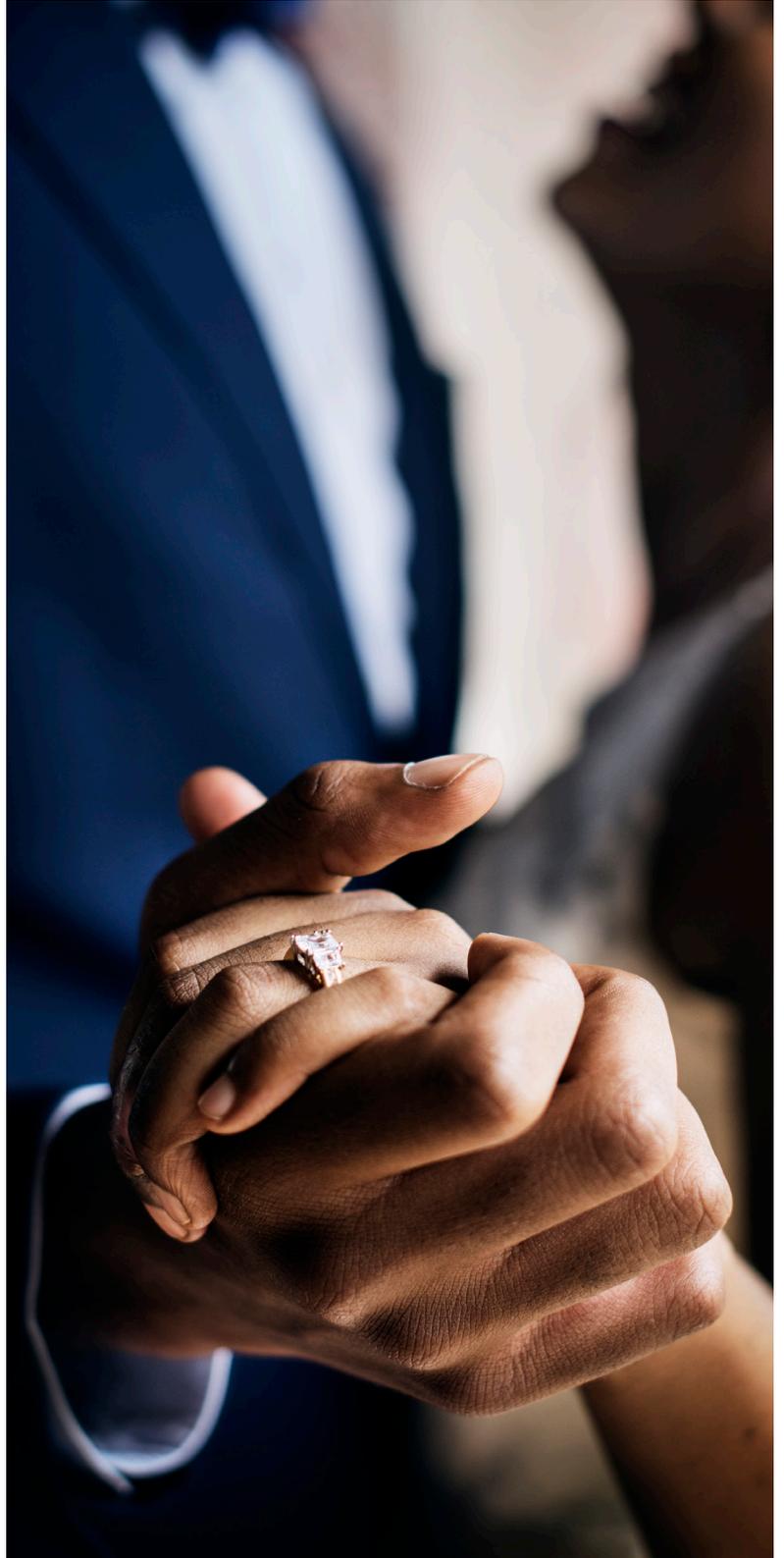
## 7 They Protect, Guard and Guide

*Psalms 91:11-12 For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.*

*Matthew 18:10*

*"Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.*

They are waiting on God's instruction on how to proceed with people who mess with His little ones.



# ANGELS RESPOND TO ORDER OF AUTHORITY

Again I have given you just a few of over 300 scriptures that talk about angels.

All this to establish what Angels respond to in marriage..... ORDER of Authority!

Order activates the angels to work on your behalf according to your Heavenly Father's will.

When we are out of order, our assigned-angels can't respond...

Though angels are assigned to you, they don't work for you, they work for your daddy.

In an interview with former President Obama's daughter, Sasha Obama would often get annoyed with the secret service agents assigned to her. They would often overreact to scenarios that would embarrass Sasha and as much as she wanted them to leave her alone, she was cognizant of the

reality that the agents worked for her daddy, not her.

Though the agents assigned to Sasha take orders from her daddy this doesn't mean that there is a total disregard for Sasha's requests, it just means that as long as Sasha's request fall within the perimeters of the agents' assignment, the agents can oblige to her requests.

Heavenly angels can only and will only oblige to your requests as long as they (your request) fall within the realm of your fathers' orders and authority.

Satan was an angel, who rebelled against his creator because he wanted to be the highest and in doing so he manages to take 1/3 of the millions of angels with him.

Satan is the boss of the bad angels known as demons

Being under authority restricts the bad angels and limits their reach over you.



*Ephesians 6:12*

*For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

When you and I live a life in and under an order, we are then empowered with authority from heaven, this Authority we have is contingent on order.

Heavenly angels don't know, and cannot respond to disorder.

Marriage is an earthly institution in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of our Heavenly Father, a Marriage is a Kingdom ORDER that activates or deactivates angels on your behalf specifically on matters of, AUTHORITY...

Let me give you a little more into why authority in oneness should matter to husbands and wives alike.

*Genesis 28:10-22*

*Jacob's Dream at Bethel:*

*At sundown he arrived at a good place to set up camp and stopped there for the night. Jacob found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep. As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway. At the top of the stairway stood the Lord, and he said, "I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants. What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you."*

*Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!" But he was also afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!"*

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A marriage in order elicits these 4 things from God's heavenly angels:

- 1) Presence,
- 2) Provision,
- 3) Promise,
- 4) Protection

*John 1:43-50*

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity." "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this."*

*Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth."*

When our life is out of order, we permit Satan's angels to exercise their order of authority in and over our lives!

When Paul spoke to the church of Corinth about Oneness and unity he used the marriage model as his example to explain the power or lack thereof when living aligned under an order in Authority.

Husbands, wives, sons, and daughters you have angels waiting to go up and down the stairway between heaven and earth to get stuff to you from the heavenly places!

*Colossians 2:14-20*

*He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it. You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world,*

Husbands don't flaunt authority like you're exempt from being under authority yourself, after all the authority your wife is under isn't your own.

# UNDER AUTHORITY

Your wife is under the authority you're under.

Use your heavenly Kingdom authority to get Angels to make transfers from Heaven onto earth on your behalf.

Wives don't look at being under authority has anything to do with subjugation to a man, but that placing yourself under authority, puts a greater demand on him to be in alignment with the Heavenly Father's authority that flows from Him, to and through your husband, to and through you and finally covering your children.

To better understand and appreciate authority I'll give you a few examples Jesus left us all on the subject of Authority.

*Luke 7:7-9*

*for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."*

The authority you have is an authority given on a loaner basis to use as needed only to exercise and execute, Kingdom affairs here on earth... as was with Jesus.

I was never given authority, to carry out or exercise my capricious desires and agenda, but to fulfill my Heavenly Father's will.

In everything and with everything that I'm attaching Kingdom authority to, it is my sole responsibility to ensure that my Heavenly Father gets the glory for the authority I'm exercising!

Listen to what Jesus prayed for over His disciples then and now on the subject of Authority and glory.



*John 17:22-23*

*The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.*

The world can see Jesus and the love of the Heavenly Father over His disciples by the perfected unity in us!

Just because we are bearers of Jesus' heavenly Authority doesn't mean that we become bullies in our churches, our marriages, our parenting, and on and on!

This is the attitude we ought to have with the Authority given to us.

*Philippians 2:3-8*

*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

In exercising authority we need to be emptied and humbling ourselves to the point of death.

Jesus teaching his disciples on the subject of Authority gave His disciples this timeless expectation and demand in

*Matthew 20:25-28*

*But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

Men, I don't know what you've been taught in the past, but according to Jesus' standard of Authority, if you wish to be great among others, it begins and ends with serving.

Jesus didn't lead His disciples with a rod and whip, but with a towel around his waist on his knees, holding a basin and a jar of water, washing the feet of His disciples and meeting needs of those he loved.

If you're single or divorced or widowed you are not excluded, from living under authority.

We read in Isaiah 54:4,5 that He is the husband to the widow

*Isaiah 54:4-5*

*"Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. "For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the Lord of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.*

God is the husband or wife you don't have, you are never without a covering, and or commitment, as long as you live connected to the head!

This is why the role of the Church is vital in our lives. The book of Hebrews 10:25 in the Bible makes this assertion.

*Hebrews 10:25*

*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

Though you may be single, widowed, and or divorced your local assembly (Church) can become your authority and covering.

However, unlike the authority in marriage, the covering

and authority of a local assembly(church) is one of voluntary privilege that is given to a Church.

The authority of a local assembly (church), its pastor and its people can always be replaced by you at any time based on your timing and season. Your Spirit will always give you clarity and assurance directly into your heart.



## CONCLUSION

I have done all that I can to summarize such an in-depth topic and give it as much clarity as I can give in a short amount of time.

I hope you were able to grasp the vast and intricate meaning of the Oneness and Authority the Apostle Paul spoke of in 1 Corinthians chapter 11.

I cannot stress enough how the complexity of Oneness cannot be explained in just one simple ebook, so I'd encourage you to continue to read more on this rich subject.

I'm so excited about your next steps, please be sure to share this ebook and our resources with your friends, family, and anyone you feel could benefit from our ministry.

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