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How would your life change if you understood your authority in Christ? In Genesis 1:28, God said,

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue it: and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (emphasis mine).*

To *subdue* anything means to cause it to submit. This means that whether it be an animal, plant, or anything else on earth, **you have dominion over it.** In Psalm 82:6 God said, "Ye are gods," speaking of His creation. He didn't mean God with a capital G in the sense that you are a deity. This is talking about giving mankind absolute control and rulership over the earth. Did you know that by doing so, God limited His own power over what happens on earth?

Most Christians are not being taught about their authority in Christ, much less how to use it. But they can tell that what they're doing in their Christian life isn't working because they continue to be sick, poor, miserable, discouraged, and fearful.

The problem, however, isn't with God. There is a demonic power operating in this world, and you are in a spiritual war whether you recognize it or not. **Christians are the ones with authority, but that authority has to be exercised.** You've got to become aware of what's really going on and use your authority to rebuke the works of the enemy.

Matthew 10:8 is another Bible verse that says Jesus gave us power over all demons and all diseases:

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Notice that He didn't tell us to go pray and ask *Him* to heal the sick and all of these things. He gave us His authority and told us to do these things. God

has promised us absolute victory over sickness 100 percent of the time—not just sometimes, for minor things, or only for some people!

But we've been brought up to believe that at certain times of the year, you just get sick. Or when you get older, you just start having all of these problems, and you need to accept it as normal. People will say things like, "This just runs in my family." **Whether you realize it or not, those are lies of the devil.**

One of the most important parts of our authority as believers is the ability to stand against Satan. In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul talks about the armor that Christians must wear to defeat Satan and why it's so important:

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, **that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Ephesians 6:10–12, emphasis mine

Why do you need to put on the whole armor of God? So you can stand against the devil's wiles. The definition of the word *wiles* is "a trick intended to deceive or ensnare" (*American Heritage Dictionary*). The only power Satan has is deception. He can't do anything to you without your consent or cooperation. But once you realize the battle is real, you can then learn to recognize what's going on and take the proper action to improve your situation. You can resist the devil.

James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

The battle we're in affects both physical and spiritual things, but we can't approach everything as if there's a demonic source to it. If you hit your hand with a hammer, it's not the devil that makes it swell up. If a person dislikes you, it's not necessarily because of a demon. It could be because of something you did. We need to operate in wisdom and discernment so we don't fall into a ditch on either side of this road.

Genesis 1:1 clearly states that all authority comes from God: *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* So everything and every being—whether it's a spiritual being, an angelic being, or a physical being—*everything* was created by God. He is the author of all things, but He delegated His authority to us.

There are those who think God just sovereignly rules and controls everything, but that is wrong theology. I realize that statement is offensive to about half of the body of Christ. There are a lot of churches that teach that God is sovereign, and everything that happens is either controlled by Him or is allowed by Him. **But I'm telling you that is not true.**

I believe in the sovereignty of God if you define *sovereign* the way dictionaries do as being first in rank, order, or authority. God is absolutely sovereign by this definition. Religion has come along and put a different connotation on the word *sovereign* by saying it means God controls everything. But that is not what the Bible teaches. To win in this war, you must know who you are and the authority you have as a believer.

I've only been able to give you a brief overview of this topic here, so I encourage you to get the full teaching we're offering that goes into much more detail. Once you realize the power Jesus gave you, I guarantee it will change you forever. We have *The Believer's Authority* teaching available as a book, study guide, CD or DVD series, and USB. To order, go to awmi.net/believe, call our Helpline at 719-635-1111, or complete and return the enclosed form.

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Andrew and Jamie



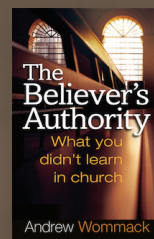
This month, Andrew Wommack celebrates the fifty-fifth anniversary of the day the Lord miraculously changed his life. Since March 23, 1968, Andrew has made it his life's work to share the truth of God's love and grace with others, first as a pastor, then as a radio minister, then as the founder of Charis Bible College, and now as the head of a global television ministry. Andrew has been faithful to the call of God for fifty-five years—but he is not the only one called by God. Each one of us has a purpose in the Lord's eyes that is much bigger than we could ever imagine!

As Jeremiah 29:11 says, *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."*

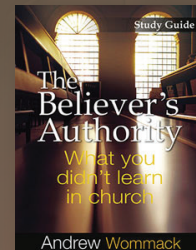
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Are you aware of how your choices, words, and actions affect your ability to resist Satan's attacks? The spiritual authority of a believer is a hotly debated topic in the church today.

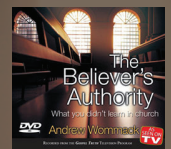
In this riveting teaching, Andrew challenges common misconceptions about the sovereignty of God and offers a unique perspective on the authority all believers possess. A lot of people think that God controls absolutely everything, but is that really true? Find out where the real battleground is and how to release God's power of blessing instead of giving in to Satan's lies. Get the knowledge you need to stand up to the enemy and win!



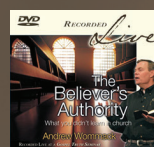
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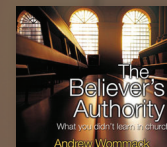
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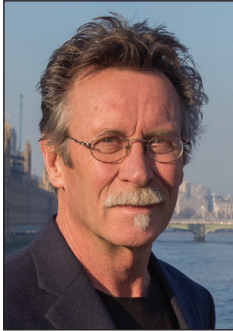
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You've Got a Story, and It's Better than You Think!



Stephen Bransford

Stephen joined Andrew Wommack Ministries in 1999 and is executive producer of Television and Media Production. He was instrumental in launching Andrew Wommack's *Gospel Truth* daily television broadcast in 2000. Stephen attended Bethany Bible College before graduating from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English. He is an award-winning author, a ghostwriter, an inspirational speaker, and a seasoned television producer—essentially a storyteller. Stephen is passionate about helping people discover their story in Christ.

Your life is a story that has a beginning, a middle, and an end. And because it's a journey, you won't end up where you began. But did you know that God wants to be involved in writing your story?

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

God has ordained you for good works and wants to guide you into fulfilling the purpose He created you for.

In every good story, the main character must arrive at a threshold, a place of entering or beginning. God prepares each one of us so He can bring us to these thresholds.

Most of us experience hurt, disappointment, anger, or betrayal during childhood, often resulting in an internal vow—*I'll never let that happen again*. Our natural response to pain or suffering is to build a fortress around our hearts and clench our fists emotionally. But God wants to lead us back to that vulnerable place and ask us to open our hands and cross the threshold to a new beginning.

Only by crossing that threshold will things dramatically change in your life.

Many times, I've witnessed people who've been brought to the threshold yet never crossed it. It's a sad thing to see because breakthrough is always on the other side of obedience.

During my time working at Andrew Wommack Ministries in the television department, I've gotten to hear many people's testimonies. And all of the stories I've filmed—such as the healing journey of Niki Ochenski—have hinged around a defining moment when a threshold is crossed. It's in that moment that the person receives their healing, restoration, or financial breakthrough—and their life is radically changed forever.

God is writing the story of your life, but it's not going to happen automatically. It's up to you to yield to Him and be willing to cross the threshold. Maybe you're a single parent, a veteran, a student, a brother, or a housewife, and you've underestimated your story. But the reality is that your story is influencing those around you whether you realize it or not.

Have you found yourself at a threshold that God is asking you to cross? I recommend crossing it. The best moments in my own life have been the moments when I chose to step across those thresholds.

Visit awmi.net/video/series and watch heartwarming stories of God at work in real people's lives that will encourage you to cross the thresholds.



Watch *Truth & Liberty* Live—Now Five Days a Week

For the past few years, the weekly *Truth & Liberty* livecast has featured influential leaders discussing moral issues and current events from a uniquely Christian perspective.

The program is a media outreach of the Truth & Liberty Coalition, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization established by Andrew Wommack and other Christian leaders with a mandate to bring godly change to our nation—and the world—through the seven spheres of societal influence (Religion and Faith; Family; Education; Government and Law; Media, News, and Commentary; Arts and Entertainment; Business and Economics).

Looking to the future, Truth & Liberty Coalition aims to make an even bigger impact by expanding the reach of the show. *Truth & Liberty* is positioned to help people get the answers they need from the truth of God's Word so they can respond to important issues in their daily lives.

To fulfill Truth & Liberty Coalition's mission to educate, unify, and mobilize believers in Jesus Christ to change nations, the program will now broadcast five days a week at a new time. The show will be ninety minutes long and feature a special live call-in segment where the hosts will answer questions from the viewing audience.

Andrew has invited friends Alex McFarland, Pastor Mark Cowart, and Truth & Liberty Coalition Executive Director Richard Harris to join him in hosting the new program. Between them, the hosts offer combined ministry experience of more than 120 years.

"I am very excited about the expansion of the *Truth & Liberty* livecast," Harris stated. "This represents a major step forward that will mean greater influence for Christ through the Truth & Liberty arm of this ministry. I believe it is going to have a huge impact."

Each day will feature a different host who will share truths from the Bible and apply them to current events and callers' questions.

Alex McFarland is a Christian apologist (one who defends the Christian faith) who has spoken at thousands of churches across the nation and regularly teaches at Charis Bible College. He has been instrumental in developing the popular and influential *Biblical Worldview* curriculum for Andrew Wommack Ministries, including the soon-to-be-released fourth installment entitled *Racism*.

Pastor Mark Cowart is the senior pastor of Church For All Nations in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is the director of the Third-Year Practical Government School at Charis Woodland Park.

Richard Harris is a longtime attorney who has argued before the United States Supreme Court, is lead pastor of Upstream Worldwide Ministries, recently served as general counsel for Andrew Wommack Ministries, and graduated from Charis Ministry School in 2015.

The *Truth & Liberty* daily program will launch on March 6 and air 3:30–5:00 p.m. MT, Monday through Friday, at **TruthAndLiberty.net** and **GospelTruth.TV**. Visit **TruthAndLiberty.net/Daily-Show** for more information.



Partnering With Andrew Wommack Ministries

I am Dorcas Blessing Mukisa an alumna of Charis Bible College and now a faithful partner of Andrew Wommack Ministries.

I joined Charis Bible College in 2020, and by this time my giving was a struggle and a painful experience. It was from a place of grumbling and complaining! Sincerely many a times I resented it and yet I knew I had to give. I was giving from a place of obligation, necessity, requirement, of law and a way to please God due to the wrong indoctrination about giving!

My heart had been so wounded through giving and nobody had ever told me that giving was from a place of relationship with God. So, when I joined Charis Bible College and I started hearing about grace, I would hear people testifying of giving with Joy and liberty and not out of compulsion, coercion, manipulation or formality and I longed to be able to give from that place of love and Joy.

I started listening to teachings, but it was not an instant change, I was still struggling! In some teachings we were taught about being a cheerful giver and not a tearful giver or fearful giver! These were very funny laughable descriptions, but dear friends when

I searched the depth of my heart, I was a fearful giver and many a times a disgruntled tearful giver! My heart had been pushed to a place of resentful giving due to the obligatory fearful giving foundation!

I prayed to God for my heart to be released towards giving, the teachings started to penetrate the legalistic-doing-attitude and draw on the heart to do things from a place of relationship. The Scriptures and teachings Andrew used in his teachings on giving were foundations for relational giving and calling out to the stewards God has called us to as His children. All this was pointing to Father-children relationship and love. There was totally no coercion or obligatory giving. The teachings were speaking to me giving from a place of trust and belief in God's promises from the heart – and this is what I call relationship!

In one of Andrew's teachings, He mentioned that in all we do, we should do from a place of love! He quoted *1 Corinthians 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it*

profits me nothing. Oh, my goodness, what a revelation! If I do not give from a place of love, it profits me nothing!

Another Scripture stood out powerfully for me **2 Corinthians 9:7** *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.* Oh, my goodness, giving is supposed to be a purposing from my heart! The heart is involved in the decision of giving! It is just like when we fall in love, our hearts are involved. This was speaking to depths in me.

The opportunity to put the lessons I had learnt of love, relationship, trust, and belief in God's promises soon presented itself! I was going through a time where I had no money and I had to pay fees for both me and my daughter. I decided to take God at His Word and trust His promise. I had no tuition, but when I got the first incremental pay, instead of paying for tuition, I got **Proverbs 3:9-10** *Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the first-fruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.* I decided to return first-fruits. Dear friends, my vats overflowed. I went through the rest of my 3rd year at Bible College with my tuition being paid!

I was learning how to get into giving as relationship with God! It is fruitful, it is joyful, it is peaceful, and it matured me in the relationship of trust and belief in God's promises.

Then I came across **Matthew 6:24** *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.* Revelation hit me that my lack of trust in God's promise and Word meant that I despised Him and was honouring another and being loyal to another's words! Everything started falling into place from all the classes we had been taught at Charis Bible College where we got to learn that our struggle in any area comes from a lack of revelation of God's love which is a relational issue!

Growing in relationship with God through Andrew teachings has released me from laboured giving! I no longer find it an uphill task or do it inconsistently! I love giving and mostly when I am in a tight financial spot because it means I am going to experience God move in miraculous ways to fulfil His promise! Relationship is something that can never be stolen from us! And relationship will guide all the other areas of your life. Come to Charis Bible College and grow in your relationship with God and your giving shall flow from your heart towards building our Father God's Kingdom.

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