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I. Definitions

- A. Authority: the right or power to act, command, enforce laws, exact obedience, determine or judge.
- B. AUTHORITY - the power or right to do something, particularly to give orders and see that they are followed. The word authority as used in the Bible usually means a person's right to do certain things because of the position or office he holds. This word emphasizes the legality and right, more than the physical strength, needed to do something.
1. 1849 exousia { ex-oo-see'-ah}
 2. 2634 katakurieuo { kat-ak-oo-ree-yoo'-o}
 3. 2715 katexousiazō { kat-ex-oo-see-ad'-zo}
 4. 831 authenteo { ow-then-teh'-o}
 5. 2961 kurieuo { ko-ree-yoo'-o}
 6. 1850 exousiazō { ex-oo-see-ad'-zo}

7. 1413 dunastes { doo-nas'-tace}
8. 2003 epitage { ep-ee-tag-ay'}
9. 5247 huperoche { hoop-er-okh-ay'}

II. Difference between authority and power

A. Power - in the Old Testament

B. Power in the New Testament

1. dunamis
2. exousia
3. The others

C. Primary difference - _____ is raw power, _____ is the right to exercise it.

III. The Source of all power and authority

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

A. God's authority

B. Jesus' Authority

1. Jesus has the authority to:

a) _____ (Matthew 9:6-8)

b) _____ (John 5:26-27)

c) _____ (John 10:17-18)

d) _____ (John 17:2)

C. Our authority as believers

IV. The two aspects of authority

A. The two types:

1. _____ - (belonging to one's essential nature)

2. _____ - (given to one from another source)

B. Since "there is no authority except from God" (Rom 13:1), every kind of authority other than that of God Himself is, in one sense, derived and therefore secondary to God's power (John 19:11).

1. But... God has chosen to create man _____,
which gives man some intrinsic authority.

C. Intrinsic authority

D. Derived authority