

١. James 4:6-8

A. Submit

- 1. To subordinate; Obey; Humble Yourself; Make Lower
- 2. Subordinate: Subject to the authority or control of another.
- B. Your Submission Is Your Response to the authority and covering of God
 - 1. Within God's covering (and only within it), you have the same right...and the same authority that Jesus has.
 - 2. My response to God's goodness empowers me to be an overcomer in this life!

II. The Laws Made Simple

A. Law #1: Submission is a choice

- 1. "Submit Yourself..." (My choice...my action); "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, CHOOSE life." (Deuteronomy 30:19)
- 2. To Whom? When I choose to place myself under God's authority/His covering (quick to listen and quick to obey), I am placing myself in perfect position through God's GREATNESS to obtain total success!

B. Law #2: Submission gives you the ability to overcome the devil

- 1. Your ability comes from your authority; understanding authority is the key to receiving anything from God.
- 2. *Matthew 8:5-13* (Why did Jesus marvel? Answer: The Centurion understood submission to authority; he understood the LAW OF FAITH!)
- 3. 2 Phrases that should be a part of every believer's vocabulary:
 - * Speak the Word Only
 - * I Am a Man Under Authority
- 4. Mary said something similar to Gabriel: "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Prophecy: The enemy is planning because the time is short; dangerous and fearful things are in the works that will attempt to weaken your faith. Submit yourself to My spoken Word, Submit yourself to My promise, and your faith will stand. Just as I prayed for Peter, I also pray for you: "Satan desires to have you so he may be able to sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for you that your faith does not fail (is not cast aside or omitted)."

C. Law #3: Submission requires your action of faith (Faith without works is dead)

- 1. Are you giving something to God that He is able to work with?
- 2. God always uses something you have: Staff of Moses, man who lost the axe head, the woman with the pot of oil, Net of fish, Feeding five thousand, etc. * Story time: Are you submitted to the First Word of Promise or the Second Word of Defeat?