

# THE PASTOR'S STUDY

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- Authority:** 1. The power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge.
2. Power assigned to another; authorization

**Spiritually speaking, I like the second definition the best. Even though as Christians, we do have the power to enforce and command mountains to move, we can only do it because that power has been assigned to us—and authorizing us is the One and Only Son of the living God Himself, Jesus Christ. It says in the Word of God, that He is the head and we are the body (Eph 1:22-23). As a body, we cannot do anything unless the head tells us to do it. If you don't believe me, try cutting your head off and then doing something with your body—The head is the one authorizing the body to do the works the He did.**

**I got up one morning, really earlier than I usually do, and I found myself wondering why I could pray for some things and they would seemingly “line-up” with God's Word, but for other things, I could not. I was praying for something concerning my own healing. Then the Lord, very methodically and very gently taught me something.**

**It wasn't an audible voice, but it was a voice spoken softly to my spirit and that voice said this: “The reason I cannot answer your prayer concerning your healing is because you are asking amiss.”**

**“What?”**

**“The reason I cannot answer your prayer is because you are asking Me to heal you.”**

**“And why is that amiss?”**

**“I couldn't if I wanted to and you know that I want to, but you are My lips—You are my tongue—You have the authority to command that infirmity to leave,**

**yourself. Don't ask me to heal you—Tell your infirmity to leave in My Name—that is all the authority you need. Speak to that mountain—don't let it speak to you.”**

**What an eye-opener! I had heard these things before—from my Pastor, Charlie Rogers. I had listened to Gary Carpenter teach this stuff online—I had read these scriptures myself over and over, but I guess it took the Lord, Himself to visit me and let me know in no uncertain terms what had to be done. Since then, I have had a new awareness of praying, especially for me or my loved ones.**

**Church, WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND WE HAVE TO USE IT IN ORDER TO GET OUR NEEDS MET, OUR PRAYERS ANSWERED, AND OUR MOUNTAINS MOVED!**

**In Ephesians 6: 10, we learn we must be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might—We can be strong in the Lord because He has delegated or transferred the authority to us because it is IN HIM! Can you prove that Pastor? I'm glad you asked—Look at Ephesians 1:3—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places IN CHRIST (emphasis mine)**

**See you in church tomorrow because now you know you have all authority over the devil in all things—even those things which will keep you from going to church.**

**In His service,**

**Pastor Earl**