



TEMPLE TALK

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JULY

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! We are introducing a New Spiritual Theme for the month of July 2016, entitled, "Understanding the Authority of God". You really don't want to miss this lesson series! Here is an excerpt from one of the lessons. "How to deal with evil people in authority". The question was asked: Where is the line of obedience when authority is evil? The answer is found in Acts 5: 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Verse 29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. And while this is true... this is worthy of a deeper answer... So tonight we examine the concept of a measured response to authority when it's wrong. HERE IS a principle for a lifetime... SUBMISSION IS ABSOLUTE, BUT OBEDIENCE IS RELATIVE, that sounds like false doctrine doesn't it? Explanation: Submission is a matter of attitude whereas obedience is a matter of conduct!

You may have questions regarding obeying authority. We would love to see you in class at The Miracle Temple. If you are unable to attend the bible study, you are welcome to call in on our conference line and listen in (605)475-3200 access code 943444# at 7:00pm.

Until our next communication,
Pastor T Marc Gandy

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

The Authority Of God

Until we as the Body of Christ understand Spiritual Authority and the Authority of God, we will not operate in the fullness of our calling. God has set up authority in the church so that we will function in order and in power. Every family, business, organization, governmental agency and ruling body has to have a structure in place to support the purpose. The church is no different in fact the church is the model for every other structure in the earth. God, as our sovereign authority has set things in order for the success and victory of the church. Even though we are under the constant attack and influence of Satan to overthrow and corrupt our ranks. We must hold fast to the confession of our faith (Hebrews 10:23). The Authority of God, which is the power that has been vested in us to carry out His will in the earth. Let us subject ourselves to the Authority of God.

Until our next communication I remain your servant in the Gospel.
District Elder T. Marc Gandy, Pastor MTAPC

The Concern with Authority

Authority must be understood by every Christian since it is the entire basis of our relationship with Christ. “Authority” means “the right to command and enforce obedience.” When we accept Jesus Christ as our “Lord,” this means that He is supposed to become our “boss” or “authority” over our whole life (Luke 6:46). In addition, the Bible becomes the source of authoritative instruction for our Christian Life (2 Tim. 3:16).

Since submission to authority is basic to Christian Life, it is important that we understand that all authority is a God-given institution, and all types of authority are related. The Lordship of Christ is the highest source of authority that we must answer to (Matt. 28:18), but God has also ordained at least three other categories of subordinate authority in the world that we must also submit to:

(1) The Family - Children are to obey their parents (Eph. 6:10). The wife is to cooperate with her husband, which is the head of the family (Eph. 5:22-24, 1 Tim. 2:12), and the husband is to submit to Christ and love his wife (Eph. 5:23,25).

(2) The State - We are to cooperate with those authority figures and obey the local and federal laws of the land, within the boundaries of God’s laws (1 Pet. 2:13-14).

(3) The Church - Christians are to submit to the headship of Christ which is exercised through His Spirit (Rom. 8:14), His Word (2 Tim. 3:16), and Church leadership (Matt. 18:17-20, Heb. 13:17).

God has established these authorities as the “delegated” extensions of His authority. If we resist cooperation, we are in effect, resisting God’s own authority and Lordship...

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

July 1st / Serena Brown

July 8th / Sister L’Oreal Brown

July 11th / Sister Bonnie Reddrick

July 24th / Evangelist Ella Miller

July 29th / Sister Frances Gandy

July 30th / Mother Odessia T. Green

JULY ANIVERSARYS:

July 17th

Pastor T. Marc & Lady Laurie Gandy

July 26

Jennifer & Chester Jackson, III

July 29th

Tanya & Jesse Weller