

Servant & The Principle of Authority – Part 3

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Servant & The Principle of Authority – Part 3 continues to unpack some markers and behavioral characteristics of the **Servant redemptive gift**. [Love Like Jesus](#) and [Part 2](#) provide important framing.

Servant's Birthright*

*"To be a life-giver to others, especially leaders.
To provide the cleansing and authority
others require for their destiny."*

A biblical example of **Servant redemptive gift** is clearly seen in Esther. Her story will benefit us as we look at more of **Servant's** inward bent and Wisdom **principle of authority**.

The Principle of Authority - Who

Who: **Servants** work well with **others**. Because they live relatively free from a desire to build their own kingdom, they make a helpful, practical team player. Most **Servants** have few enemies. If elevated to a position (as was Esther who 'requested nothing' and gained favor in the sight of all who saw her¹), they tend to not be demanding of their subordinates - unlike many who are placed in positions of power.

Servant is loyal and trustworthy, especially with **leaders**. Upon learning through her uncle Mordecai of a plan to assassinate King Xerxes (Ahasuerus), Esther exposed the plot.² She gave Mordecai credit, and because she did not keep silent, saved the life of the king.

There is high loyalty in a **Servant** when it comes to **family**. Mordecai, in his persuasion of Esther to rise up, brought forward her life and family name.³ He employed her family loyalty to garner her response. The focus of **Servant's** energy is to bring life to others and empower them to achieve their best. Other- and outward-oriented is a good description of **Servant's birthright**. While **Prophet** needs a goal and can be unsentimental about relationships, **Servant** is all about meeting the needs of the present moment.

The Principle of Authority - When

When: Since **Servant** does not mind (and most often prefers) to remain in the background, **needs** are the internal button-pushers that move a **Servant** to more noticeable action – if only noticed by the needy one.

Servant's innate ability to see external needs of comfort is matched by their quick response to meet those needs. Whereas **Teacher** tends to initially ask 'why', **Servant** first provides for the obvious need. Esther, again, is a good example. When she heard Mordecai was in sackcloth, she sent garments to clothe him and remove his sackcloth. She may have wondered afterward, but *why* he was wearing sackcloth was not her first response. Whether Xerxes or Mordecai, she cared for them via her action based on present need.

The Principle of Authority - **Where**

Where: The **authority of Servant** is most notable in the following relationships and/or arenas:

- In prayer and intercession for leaders. Servants use authority to care for and minister to leaders. They deal with details and administrative tasks to release leaders for that to which they are called.
- Restoration of broken families. Have special authority when praying for restoration in the family.
- Ability to love the hard cases, the unlovable; have the capacity to be “porcupine huggers”. They carry authority to reach challenging ones who are deeply wounded and fearful of the truth.
- Carry authority in prayer for the sick, especially in threatened premature death.
- The Servant’s birthright to be a life-giver to others carries with it authority over the death spirit, particularly the premature death spirit. This spiritual authority applies to both spiritual and physical death, including over apparent, obvious potential demonic attack to take a person’s life. This bears out once again in Esther’s story when she ‘stood in the gap’ – not *in* the way, but in her God-given authority as a member of God’s and her people, the Jews, faced with extermination.
- Authority over the land or ecology. Servant’s authority for relationship is not bound to people only, but also in special authority over nature, weather, and land issues. Servant speaks blessing and anointing to land and buildings and can call forth ecological restoration. [The second day of creation is Servant’s day](#) – the separation of water from water, the skies above and waters below. In between, *the atmosphere*. Servant partners with God to cleanse the atmosphere, whether in the spiritual or physical environment. *The priests in the Tabernacle, who washed before the sacrifices could be offered for themselves and on behalf of the people. Jesus washing His disciples’ feet. Washing by the water of the Word.* This is Servant authority, walked in so that others may reach their destiny, including the Servant.

The Ultimate Goal of The Principle of Authority

Matthew 28:18 & 20 reminds us that Jesus said, **“All authority has been given to me, and I am with you.”**

The opening article, [Servant & The Principle of Authority – Love Like Jesus](#), established that His love is the greatest authority this world will ever know.

The ultimate goal is to redeem, detoxify, and sanctify
all individuals and institutions to their highest level. ~ A. Burk

Jesus, during His life on earth, was fully the redemptive gift of **Servant**. The ultimate goal will be fulfilled. It is beyond our comprehension in a way that only our spirit can know, the privilege we have of participating with Christ in meeting His ultimate goal. In this our day, place, and time – **Servants** rise up.

One more article highlights the major weaknesses that hinder the life-giving flow of **Servant’s authority**.

For such a time will close this brief but foundational overview of **Servant & The Principle of Authority**.

~ Nancy

*A. Burk/C. Wales description of Servant’s birthright ¹ Esther 2:15 ² Esther 2:22-23 ³ Esther 4:12-14