

The Trouble with Antiauthority Arrogance

Time for a diatribe:

I suspect that many members of this congregation are unknowingly under the control of their first husbands. His assaults are always concentrated toward areas where you are most vulnerable. Arrogance always tricks the believer into accepting the thing which distracts him from doctrine. You view the circumstance not as a distraction but as a mission assigned you by God. If people are the distraction, then you assume you are meant to evangelize them, or help them, or teach them. If your job is the distraction then you conclude that your responsibilities to family and business are inflexible and spiritual growth may be ignored. If entertainment, social life, exercise, or even education is the distraction you are easily deceived by the first husband into believing that these things are essential to a well- rounded lifestyle in order to better serve Jesus. But I am here to tell you that anything which distracts you from inculcation of doctrinal truth is an evil. Your volition is enslaved through deception by your first husband's agent provocateurs. They get to you where you are most susceptible. You self-justify your involvement. You deceive yourself into believing that you are in control of the situation. You become self-absorbed in your desire to serve God in some grandiose fashion. But anything that keeps you from learning doctrine is an evil. Habits, lust patterns, behavior patterns, character traits—all of these things are wheel-tracks of wickedness which you have come to accept without realizing they are distractions. We have a very active tapes department. Danna tells me she is mailing them on a pace which will distribute over 20,000 by year's end. But this does not mean that they are listened to. It does not mean that they are studied. It only means they are mailed out or put on the filing cabinet.

The more I uncover the inner workings of your body of corruption and its duplicitous assaults upon your soul, the more ineffective you people become in putting up the good fight. You talk like theologians. You live like holy rollers! You need to isolate your distractions, curb your emotions, and start concentrating on doctrine by either getting to Bible class or listening to the tapes. Whatever is a distraction to your achieving that end is evil and your volition is the culprit.

Romans 7:23 - But I see a different kind of principle in my body parts [brain] laying siege in a campaign against the principle of my mind [nous] ...

It takes authority orientation plus the filling of the Holy Spirit to convert *gnosis* into *epignosis*. Unfortunately, many look on authority orientation as being held in submission without recourse to people who are unjust and unfair. That may or may not be the case, but that is not the issue in authority orientation.

What enables a person to submit to authority of any description is the principle of orientation and adjustment. You must have the objectivity to determine what your options are. If you are in a circumstance where you really have no choice, then you must orient, adjust and submit.

The beautiful thing about orienting, adjusting, and submitting to the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine is that you know you are being treated fairly and justly. Antiauthority boils down to a refusal to orient and adjust to reality. This mental attitude originates with an over-emphasis on self and results in developing the three arrogant skills: self- justification, self-deception, and self-absorption. Uncorrected through submission to the nine-step recovery program, this mental attitude can eventually result in either murder or suicide.

Murder is projection onto others, suicide is projection onto self. In fact, suicide is the reversionist's last act of defiance. This person defies God's authority to impose goads and discipline. Self-disposal is a way of overruling God's options to enforce corrective measures in time. But, most likely to the initial dismay of the just self-disposed loser believer, his true submission has only just begun.

Philippians 2:10 - At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven [the elect angels], and on earth [Church- Age believers alive at the rapture], and under the earth [Church-Age believers dead at the Rapture],

Philippians 2:11 - and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

It is interesting what the very next verse says, in corrected and expanded translation:

Philippians 2:12 - So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed my teachings, not only in my presence but now much more in my absence, [*katergazomai*] continue the willing cultivation of your streams of consciousness to the ultimate conclusion of harvesting [*soteria*] your own deliverance from danger and your own preservation from persecution, accompanied by reverence and respect.

No authority orientation to doctrinal teachings means no cultivation of thought in the *kardia*.

No cultivation of thought in the *kardia* means that you are forced to defend your soul with doctrine academically perceived in the *nous*. This knowledge cannot be transferred by the Holy Spirit if the believer is short-circuited by antiauthority toward the pastor, the Bible, God, church, Christianity, or authority in general.

No long-term memory traces of righteousness means that the sinful nature's assaults on the soul have been effective at the point of academic understanding. You may understand principles of doctrine academically but if you have been deceived into believing that this is spiritual growth then you have been neutralized by your own members.

You can talk the talk, but you can't walk the walk.

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Next, we have a conjunction which introduces us to the result of that which precedes: *gar* - "and so." This is followed by the present active participle of the verb: *aichmalotizo* - "making me a prisoner."