

Thought for the day - Thursday 20th January 2022

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Authority and Power

Our Lord Jesus had so much power and authority in all he did. People wondered where he got all the authority and powers from. I think that the secret is that Jesus prays to the Father before he does anything. This maybe, a lesson for all of us. To pray unceasingly.

Jesus, the Son of the living God, had all authority and power in the world. We are told that God created all things through him and put all things under him, so that even the demons were subject to him (Col. 1.16). Yet Jesus did not use his authority the way we might. Power and authority are so often abused by some of our leaders in our world today and they become power drunk. The difference is that Jesus came to serve and not to be served. Whether we have authority at home or at work or somewhere else, he wants us to use it to help others, not to be bossy or throw our weight around. As explained by Jesus in Mark's Gospel, whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave to all. Mark 10: 43 - 44.

Prayers are very essential in our daily lives. It is difficult to find time to pray or to be still before the Lord but we have to try and make the time to pray. We must understand that God longs and thirst for our presence as we long and thirst for his blessings. The Spirit calls us to take up this challenge to pray to God for power and authority. Jesus' authority when on earth was so great, that they were astonished at his teachings, for he taught them with great authority. They were all amazed, saying "what is this, that even the storm and unclean spirits obey him". Mark (1: 22, 27). God longs to meet us as we come to Him "on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Ephesians 6: 18).

Prayer:

Please Lord Jesus help me to take my example from you and be a servant to all. Help me to do your will and to please you in all I do. Amen.

Bible Passage: [Mark 1: 21 -39](#)