

# Jurisdictional Leadership

- **Introduction**
  - 1. Jurisdictional principles apply in every area of life.
  - 2. Understanding the concept of jurisdiction and the principles which apply equips a man to lead in every area of life.
  - 3. Understanding the concept of jurisdiction and the principles which apply protects a man from frustration, disorder, and destruction in every area of life.
  - 4. How well do you understand jurisdictional principles?
- **Understanding the Definition and Concept**
  - 1. A Definition: (Webster's New World Dictionary, Second Collegiate Ed., 1986)
  - 2. The Concept Implies:
    - A. The one who creates or establishes an organization, union, or entity has jurisdiction over it and the right to appoint sub-jurisdictions.
    - B. A jurisdiction is administered by words. The one who has jurisdiction should only need to speak, but it is wise to remember that actions speak louder than words.
    - C. The leader of a jurisdiction is responsible to speak what is right. When he does, his words have authority. When he doesn't, his words are ineffective.
    - D. Those within a jurisdiction are responsible to do and speak what the leader says as long as he speaks what is right.
    - E. Everyone lives for others.
    - F. Problems and conflicts occur when:
      - 1. The leader fails to speak at all, fails to speak what is right, or lives for himself.
      - 2. Those within a jurisdiction fail to please or serve the leader and live for themselves.
- **Understanding the Scope**
  - 1. God has established an order for the administration of His creation.
    - A. God has the right to speak over all things. When He created, He spoke it into being by His Word. Then He holds it together by His Word. Gen. 1:1-3; Heb. 1:3
    - Gen. 1:1-3 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
    - Heb. 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;
    - B. God has given jurisdiction to Jesus Christ who "speaks what is right" to all creation.
    - C. God has established five primary jurisdictions and designated leaders who are to carry God's Word to those within their jurisdictions. The leader of each jurisdiction will give an account to Jesus Christ for how he listened and "spoke what is right" to those in his jurisdiction.
- **Five Primary Jurisdictions**
  - 1. Family. Building block of society--The Father
    - Eph. 3:14-15
    - 1 Cor. 11:3
  - 2. Employment. Provision for the society--Owner
    - Deut. 8:17-18
    - 1 Pet. 2:18
  - 3. Government. Protection for the society--The Head of State

- Rom. 13:1
    - 1 Pet. 2:13 -15
  - 4. Light/Church. Priest for the society--Elders
    - 1 Pet. 2:9
    - 1 Pet. 5:1-2
    - Heb. 13:17
  - 5. Darkness/World. Discipline/Destruction in the society--Satan
    - Eph. 2:1
    - John 10:10
    - 1 Cor. 5:5
    - 1 Tim. 1:20
- **How can these principles help you?**
  - 1. If you are the leader of a family or group, you need to know what God's Word and/or your leader says about everything pertaining to your jurisdiction. Then be the channel for that Word.
  - 2. Clearly define jurisdictional lines within your family
  - 3. A very important aspect of leadership is to know that your purpose is to serve others rather than yourself.
  - 4. Applying jurisdictional principles is necessary to resolve conflicts and establish peace in a jurisdiction where there is evidence of the jurisdiction of destruction.
  - 5. Anytime you are frustrated or bitter at the decisions of a leader, you are out of your jurisdiction. You have taken on the responsibility for establishing righteousness in a jurisdiction for which God has given you no place, no grace, nor given authority to your words. Your offense shows that you expect him to do things your way.