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"All will find here much reality, much wisdom, much encouragement, and much to praise God for."--J.I. Packer

This popular book from respected leader Charles H. Kraft shows believers how to exercise the authority they have from God through Jesus Christ. When Christians recognize and use the amazing gift of spiritual authority, they position themselves to provide protection and bring transformation, not only in their lives but in the lives of family members, friends, even coworkers. Now fully revised and updated.

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Malak Sabri says

So many Christians are unaware of the authority given to them by Jesus and the responsibility that comes with such power and authority. We live such boring and unbiblical lives when we don't walk in the fullness and power God intended for us. We are the Body of Christ called to do the work Jesus did while He was here and yes, even greater things (Jn. 14:12). In his book Kraft not only opens your eyes to the authority you have, but shows you how to walk in that power and authority. Stop letting the enemy harass you and hinder the work you were called to do in this world. Learn how to put on the armor of God on a daily basis and learn how to use the authority you have been given. This book is honestly one of my favorites, probably second only to Piper's Desiring God. I strongly recommend you get a hold of this as soon as you can.

Rita Burkholder says

We are in a War whether we realize it or not

Such a critical work for the modern day church! As Dr. Kraft stated one of the major weapons of the enemy is ignorance. Western thought dictates that what we cannot see cannot hurt us. So wrong! If you love Jesus, you must read this book!

Patricia Dietz says

Excellent, practical perspective on spiritual warfare. The most helpful book I've seen on the subject.

Angie Banza says

A very thought provoking book.

Rose on aish says

I'm overwhelmed by the things I've read in this book. I have learnt very much from it and I pray that I can take the authority which Jesus gave me and use it for His Kingdom and for His glory!!! The author, Charles Kraft, relates about the truths of authority. Awesome book :D

Brian says

a little overboard in details & implications and stretches the implications of some Scripture (in my view). However, really worth reading and practicing. If you take the good and leave the rest it can be life changing

Aaron Bolin says

Kraft provides an uplifting message with personal anecdotes and scriptural reference, but I think the practical how-to portion of the book is a little weak. His basic concept is that claiming spiritual authority verbally is equivalent to having it, but the overall feeling I'm left with is "okay, then what?". Definitely worth a read, I would have just liked a little more substance.

Jennifer Hoyer says

This book will change the way you think...about God, Jesus, authority, hierarchy, spirits, miracles, and how to glorify God. The Bible says to stir up or exercise the Spirit...this book tells you step by step how to do just that.

Some anecdotes don't count as proof, some leaps in logic do occur, and there's still the fact that Jesus says in Matt 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

(Lawlessness=living without the law, as in "the law is done away")

I would definitely recommend this book to all practicing Christians for just the "credit card" concept alone. Superb analogy.

Alex says

This book was recommended in one of Terry Wardle's books so I bought it on Kindle. I appreciate the clear writing on our position in Christ and our responsibility to take up the authority that was given to us. Walk by faith and not by feelings. Take hold of all that Christ died to give us and free the captives!

Gary B says

A fantastic book that describes the authority the believer has as a result of their relationship with God. Charles details how this authority can be used within the home, employment, churches, within ministry settings and in the community.

I think this book provides foundational understanding for the believer's effective life and ministry in the world.

Some of the more interesting aspects of the book are that God has ordained authority structures on earth; and that it is perfectly reasonable that such structures, relationships and rules exist in the spiritual realm. Another aspect is that all believers are engaged in a spiritual battle but if one is ignorant of this then they are effectively in a field hospital rather than battling on the front. As such, they are diverting resources away from the battle. It is our responsibility to be informed, engaged and fighting rather than ignorant, wounded and ineffective.

An excellent primer on spiritual warfare and our position in it.

Bradley says

Interesting book recommended by a conservative Baptist seminary graduate friend of mine. Are there things in your life you have given permission for the evil spirits to control? As an example, have you made a vow contrary to what God says is true: "I will never be happy. I will never know joy. I could never be loved by God."? If so, then these give the evil spirits permission to work in your life in those areas. If you have said "God could never love me", then the spirits can speak into your mind re-enforcing that thought. They can influence circumstances to re-enforce this thought. The solution is to repent of it, and take authority over the spirits influencing you (or others). The author makes a good case that Jesus has given us his authority over the evil spirits.

For me personally, I have believed or concluded that God will never use me for any miraculous works. This is a contraindication to what the Bible says about the believers.

So when leaving on a trip and something bad happens or goes wrong, the author says out loud "If this is of the devil, then stop it!", erasing all doubt that the evil spirits are involved in what is happening to him.

All in all well written with lots and lots of examples, something that is missing in most Biblical help books. A lot of people get off on ideas and concepts, believing that once you understand the concept or idea, everything else is easy. To some people it is, but to about 2/3rds of us, we need lots of examples of the concept put in practice, otherwise we don't fully understand the concept.

Laura says

Christianity 101. A must read for every follower of Christ. Totally changed many outcomes in my life. There are VERY EFFECTIVE prayers sprinkled throughout this book.

Justin Tapp says

Kraft is a former missionary to Africa who, like I did, found out that he was ill-prepared on the mission field for all the demonic activity around him. He hadn't been taught much about demonic influences in peoples' lives, including fellow Christians. His church hadn't spent much time looking at instances in the Gospels where Jesus' disciples cast out demons, and certainly had never practiced it.

Kraft later returned to school, studied Scripture, got a better understanding of who he was in Christ, and started a healing/deliverance ministry. He's written a lot of books on issues ranging from cultural anthropology to seeking deep emotional/spiritual healing. This book is about understanding that the stuff we see in the New Testament is still happening today, right here in America, and most Christians just don't want to think about the supernatural.

The book is filled with stories of deliverance of churches, people, entire neighborhoods from demonic strongholds and powerful influences. It explains our role as Christ-followers and how to better engage in critical spiritual warfare. It encourages pastors to pray over their churches, pray for every seat in the congregation, every musical instrument played; engage in warfare to free your flocks from the influences that are crippling the church.

The personal challenge to me was reaffirming my role as a husband/father is to be the spiritual leader of our household, that means I get to be the point man for spiritual attacks. I need to take seriously the things that I allow into our lives, and always seek protection from satanic influences. I need to be on the offensive against sin in our lives and cancel any rights that demons might try to claim to our lives.

I wish I'd had this book before serving in an animistic Muslim-context country. Westerners, and often the Gospel had never been to the places I was walking, and it's clearly been satan's ground for thousands of years. We saw lots of demon-influenced people, animistic sacrifices and rituals that only served to worship satan. Southern Baptists don't talk much about going on the offensive against these things, and little training is given to IMB missionaries on how to deal with it. Some were concerned that we'd end up like the seven sons of Sceva (Acts 19), but Kraft explains that Jesus gave his followers authority that the sons of Sceva never had. Often, missionaries are just told "it's out there, but controversial, so learn to deal with it on your own."

The secular world seems very interested in the supernatural and demonic. There are a lot of shows on different networks about ghost hunting, and documentaries of people staying in haunted houses, etc. The Church as a whole doesn't seem to want to say much about this, or wants to dismiss these activities as nothing, and this has always bothered me. This book doesn't mention the secular fascination, but reading it will give you a different perspective on these shows and the supernatural activity they're seeing.

I give this book 4 stars out of 5, and would love to start a group study on it.

Brandon says

At first I was skeptical of some concepts and practices taught and used by Dr Kraft. I thought it was too subjective without substantial evidence. I've read other books of his, and had the same conclusions and preconceived assertions. Coming from a Christian Pentecostal tradition with solid hermeneutical education, I thought that the concept of spiritual warfare was rather simple and only practical and necessary for people coming out of pagan religions, or for missionaries living somewhere else. Then I started confronting my own wounds and past brokenness, and I couldn't find full freedom. In fact I was facing an increase in unhealthy emotional health & coping mechanisms, depression and addiction. I had heard about Dr. Kraft's prayer counseling ministry, and started reading more of his work. Then a student in our community started manifesting demons weekly and I experienced my first encounter with evils spirits in eye opening prayer sessions. My theological framework was challenged, and after seeing the importance of deep healing prayer ministry, I went to Dr. Kraft for prayer counseling for myself. I then experienced healing from past wounds

in which evil spirits had taken a hold of in me in order to exercise negative influences. For example, a strong sense of negativity and nightmares about death or dying which were previously present and were evidence of the influence of evil spirits is absolutely gone now. I also have a greater peace and joy that fills my soul. There is definitely a burden lifted from my life after prayer counseling with Dr. Kraft. I highly recommend his work & ministry to anyone and I recommend this book because of the scriptural basis and results of his ministry. The spirit world is real and operates within a framework that we don't give much thought to in the west. This is a good resource for those needing answers in deliverance ministry and spiritual warfare.

Byron Harrison says

Reading again..... for the first time
