

## Being a Man under Authority

**Titus 3:1** **Remind** them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed.

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Difficulties within the church are rarely found in matters of **outward disobedience**; mostly difficulties within the church are related due to a lack of **inward submission**.

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Only three times in the gospels does Jesus say He is **amazed**. in parallel passages, Matthew 8:10 and Luke 7:9 and in Mark 6:6.

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Only twice in the gospels does Christ commend a person for **great faith**. Matthew 15:28 and Luke 7:3.

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### **Luke 7:1**

When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.

### **Luke 7:2**

And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

### **Luke 7:3**

When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.

### **Luke 7:4**

When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

### **Luke 7:5**

for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue."

### **Luke 7:6**

Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;

### **Luke 7:7**

for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but *just* say the word, and my servant will be healed.

### **Luke 7:8**

**For I also am a man placed under authority**, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

### **Luke 7:9**

Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."

### **Luke 7:10**

When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

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## **I. A Man under Authority is Humble.**

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Look at his **humility**:

### Luke 7:2

And a centurion's slave, **who was highly regarded by him**, was sick and about to die.

### Luke 7:6-7

Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, **for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof**; for this reason **I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You**, but *just* say the word, and my servant will be healed.

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### Look at his **works**:

### Luke 7:2-6

And a **centurion's** slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. When he heard about Jesus, **he sent some Jewish elders** asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "**He is worthy for You to grant this to him**; for he **loves our nation** and it was he who **built us our synagogue**." Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the **centurion sent friends**, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;

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## 2. A Man under Authority Trusts in God's Authority.

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The Centurion **demonstrates** his **trust** in Jesus' Authority.

### Luke 7:7

for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but *just* say the word, **and my servant will be healed**.

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The Centurion **illustrates** his **trust** in Jesus' Authority.

### Luke 7:8b

. . . and I say to this one, '**Go!**' and he goes, and to another, '**Come!**' and he comes, and to my slave, '**Do this!**' and he does it."

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## 3. A Man under Authority Receives **Favor** from God.

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What does **Jesus say** about the Centurion?

### Luke 7:9

Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "**I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith**."

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What does **Jesus do** about the Centurion's request?

**Luke 7:10**

When those who had been sent returned to the house, **they found the slave in good health.**

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