

6-Day Devotional

Kingdom Authority: Living Under Christ's Rule

April 19, 2026 — Based on Teaching from Dr. Archie

Day 1 — Authority Must Be Recognized Before It Can Be Followed

Required Reading: Matthew 28:18–20

Devotional Thought:

Jesus declares, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” This is not about Him gaining authority, but about Him **stepping into a position where that authority is now directly governing us.**

Dr. Archie made a critical distinction:

The issue is not whether God has authority, the issue is whether we recognize and submit to it.

Many people live as if they are in God's house but still trying to run things. This creates tension between **who is in charge** and **who is trying to be in control.**

Authority answers the question:

👉 *Who has the right to direct my life?*

When Christ declares authority, He immediately follows it with assignment:

- Go
- Make disciples
- Teach obedience

That means authority is not theoretical—it is **functional**. If Christ has authority in your life, it will show up in your actions, your priorities, and your obedience.

Dr. Archie emphasized that many believers want the **benefits of God's Kingdom without submitting to His authority structure.** That is not Kingdom living—that is selective obedience.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Where am I still trying to control what belongs to God?
2. Do my actions reflect submission to Christ's authority?
3. What assignment has God given me that I have not fully embraced?
4. Am I operating under authority or just around it?

Day 2 — Authority Problems Begin with Internal Misalignment

Required Reading: Romans 2:14–16

Devotional Thought:

Dr. Archie's breakdown of authority exposes a deeper issue:

Before people reject God's authority, they often lack **internal authority**.

Three levels were established:

- **Moral Authority** — internal compass
- **Legal Authority** — external enforcement
- **Sovereign Authority** — God's final judgment

Here is the key insight:

👉 When moral authority is weak, legal authority becomes necessary.

👉 When both are ignored, sovereign authority becomes inevitable.

Dr. Archie pressed the point that many people today are not self-governed. They are externally managed. That is why systems, laws, and consequences have to do what character should have already handled.

A Kingdom citizen is supposed to be governed from the inside out, not the outside in.

This is why Scripture says the law is written on the heart. God's goal is not just behavior modification—it is **internal transformation**.

If your conscience is not developed, your life will always require correction.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Do I need pressure to do what is right?
2. Where is my internal conviction underdeveloped?
3. Am I self-governed or externally controlled?
4. What would my life look like if my conscience fully aligned with God?

Day 3 — The Church Is God's Training Ground, Not a Gathering Place

Required Reading: Ephesians 4:11–13

Devotional Thought:

Dr. Archie made it clear that the church is not designed for attendance—it is designed for **development**.

Too many people approach church as a place to receive information, but not as a structure for transformation.

He emphasized this principle:

👉 Hearing the Word introduces you to truth

👉 Living the Word transforms you by truth

The church provides:

- Structure
- Accountability
- Development
- Application

Without engagement, there is no growth.

Dr. Archie compared it to education:

You can sit in class all day, but if you never apply the material, you will never develop.

Many believers are spiritually informed but not spiritually formed.

God did not design the church to entertain you.

He designed it to **equip you**.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Am I participating in my growth or just observing it?
2. What am I doing with what I hear each week?
3. Where is the evidence of my spiritual development?
4. How am I allowing the church to shape me?

Day 4 — Family Is Where Authority Is Tested and Character Is Proven

Required Reading: 1 Timothy 3:4–5

Devotional Thought:

One of Dr. Archie's strongest points:

👉 Your home reveals what your public life hides.

God uses family as a proving ground for:

- Leadership
- Patience
- Responsibility
- Emotional control

You cannot bypass family development and expect Kingdom effectiveness.

Many people want influence, but they have not passed the test of responsibility at home.

Dr. Archie emphasized that:

👉 If you cannot manage what God has already given you, you are not ready for more.

Family is not an obstacle to your calling—it is part of your preparation.

The way you lead, love, and function in your home reflects your true level of spiritual maturity.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What is my family revealing about my character?
 2. Where am I avoiding responsibility at home?
 3. Am I developing or just existing in my relationships?
 4. How is God using my family to shape me?
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Day 5 — Misalignment with the Kingdom Leads to Dysfunction

Required Reading: Matthew 6:10

Devotional Thought:

“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Dr. Archie emphasized that Jesus is the only one qualified to bring heaven’s order to earth because He understands both realms.

The problem is not that people don’t want change.

The problem is they want change **without alignment**.

Misalignment creates:

- Confusion
- Frustration
- Instability

Alignment creates:

- Order
- Clarity
- Direction

Dr. Archie made it clear:

👉 God is not adjusting His structure to fit our lives

👉 We must adjust our lives to fit His structure

When people resist God’s design, they create their own systems—and those systems eventually break down.

Kingdom living is not about creativity—it is about **alignment**.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Where is my life out of alignment with God’s design?
 2. What areas am I trying to control instead of submit?
 3. What dysfunction in my life is a result of misalignment?
 4. What does obedience look like for me right now?
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Day 6 — Leadership Requires Structure, Not Preference

Required Reading: Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 1:22

Devotional Thought:

Dr. Archie emphasized that Christ establishes leadership based on:

1. **Design** — how God created you
2. **Character** — how you live
3. **Relationship** — how you connect with Him

Leadership is not based on preference, personality, or popularity.

It is based on structure.

One of the key insights:

- 👉 Many people want leadership without alignment to design
- 👉 Others want influence without developing character
- 👉 Many want to speak for God without truly knowing Him

That creates instability.

Dr. Archie also emphasized that leadership in the Kingdom is not self-appointed. It is **recognized through alignment with God's structure.**

If design is ignored, roles become confused.

If character is ignored, leadership becomes dangerous.

If relationship is ignored, leadership becomes empty.

True leadership flows from **being properly aligned with God.**

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Am I trying to lead outside of God's design?
2. Where does my character need development?
3. How strong is my actual relationship with God?
4. Am I aligned enough to lead effectively?

Closing Prayer Focus:

Lord, bring my life into full alignment with Your authority. Develop my character, strengthen my internal conviction, and teach me to live under Your structure. Help me not just hear Your truth, but walk in it daily. In Jesus' name, Amen.