

AUTHORITY

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...'the power, the right and the responsibility to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience'.

Matthew 28:18-20

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. *Go* therefore and <u>make disciples</u> of all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *teaching them to observe* all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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- over the demonic and the disciples...
- over you and over me?

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When Jesus reveals His authority, we also have two possible responses...



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Worship