

A "Mentoring Map" used to record a starting place and to track progress toward your God given purpose.

### Levels of Spiritual Authority

## **"Move it—Move it"**

**In our Journey, we are either a Shepherd or one of the Sheep at any given time in life.**

**The goal is to keep moving.**



Consider that for a moment. Do you see yourself in the sheep mode and/or in the shepherd mode? What does that look like?

It is difficult to know what to do during these uncertain times. (Consider Ephesians 5: 8-21.)

There is one thing you can develop that no one can take from you, *spiritual authority*. To move with intent and purpose find where you are and what you need to do to get to the next level. You can be a life giver. Note the ten Levels of Spiritual Authority with the plateau in the middle. If you are at:

**-100** You are a victim, abused, used trying to find enough life for the day to survive, stuck, hopeless, and unaware of anything but the current situation.

**-80** You are aware that something is terribly wrong with your world, but are hopeless, paralyzed, and can't move forward. You can dream of something better but have no idea how to get there.

**-60** You have moved from -80, improved your life but have chosen to accept a certain level of pain. Made some progress but willing to sacrifice your freedom for the benefit you think you will get. (Soul tie)

**-40** Your life is in order and makes sense except for the one area where you stay in bondage because you haven't found the tools to get free, deceived into thinking that a low grade of brokenness is Ok, if it's better than before. (These people fill the pews in our churches they are essentially life giving but lack victory in that one area.)

**-20** You do not see yourself with authority but waits for the institution to make a way for you because you don't see yourself as life giving outside the institution. ***To invoke the power of his office God has designed us to have authority outside our institution and to give it to others. Institutions are secondary and not life giving without people walking in individual authority. The ideal is for an individual to walk without the victim spirit outside the institution.***

**0** is for obedience attending church, daily devotions, living right but not doing anything to expand your territory.

**To move from zero starting right now, never stay in your comfort zone by letting something go by you that you know is wrong without speaking up about it. (I do it)**

**+20** You can take care of yourself and at least one other person. Other measuring sticks for a + 20 person: more skilled at recognizing gifts in other people, more skilled at seeing opportunities not seen twenty years ago, boundaries are understood and set for you and others and you now provide resources for others. There is an authority around this person. (We do it)

**+40** You are overtly expanding authority intentionally taking your disciples from the minus numbers into the plus numbers. (They now can do it.) How many of your disciples have disciples and how many of them have disciples? Make a list of their names here:

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You are running a leadership engine. Measure yourself against 5 years ago. You are voluntarily committed to Jesus. You are one of the sheep and you are also a shepherd.

**+60** You get to choose your disciples; how are you doing with the people at work compared to five years ago? Do you have greater authority there teaching your people to have more authority? Do you influence non-believers? We are to be salt and light influencing those around us to step into greater respect and become more life giving.

**+80** It is easier to bring the authority of God in the secular than into the religious. Walk in authority without the use of the institution with a sense of authority received from God and pass it to the church, protecting the people that can't do this yet. If the church reacts negatively it does not mean that we are not called to transform the institution. Go back to 5 years ago, do you recognize more potential in that institution or are you frustrated at what you see. Are you crippled by what you see or can you embrace where the church is and see how it could function or walk in greater authority than it is. Can you bring wisdom to establish boundaries within the church tradition vs. God established order. Sort out the boundaries to expand without being held in bondage. Detoxify believers in the church give them legitimacy and authority in prayer.

**+100** Church transforms a community by establishing boundaries for cities. The church can be life giving to an entire community by exercising the authority of God over it.

**God's purpose for us is to create authority in the world around us and give it back to Him.**

Go back through the list on the scale of -100 to +100, where are you? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your next step? \_\_\_\_\_ How will you get there? \_\_\_\_\_

Before you begin the next step, take time to list all the people you see. Evaluate them to determine how to spend your time. Do you have someone to take with you on this journey?