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Men's Bible Study: It's Time to Step Up to the Plate Part 3: Keep Your Head Together

You were created by God and given dominion by God – Gen. 1:26-28

- ❖ Dominion radah: have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule, (-r, over), take.
 - ➤ That dominion places you over and not under Psa. 8; Eph. 2:1, 5-6
- ❖ The word for man used in vs. 26-27 Adam
- ❖ Note we were made in His Image (tselem), enabling us to have dominion vs. 26

The devil knows you have been given dominion

❖ Note his conversation with the woman – all he needs is to establish a dialogue with you – Eph. 4:27;

Since God has established your dominion in the earth, the enemy seeks to use your authority to wreak havoc in the earth

❖ Isaiah 45:18; Psa. 115:16

The enemy's tools are effective when dominion and authority are relinquished, leaving a void he loves to fill – Mat. 12:29

❖ When we as men are bound, we expose the whole house to being devoured

You've got to keep your head together

- ❖ Your authority comes not from your job but your purpose − 1 Pet 2:9; Col. 1:16; Pro. 19:21; Rom. 8:28; Eph. 2:10
 - ➤ A job supplies but provision is for purpose
 - Pro (support of) vision
- ❖ Whatever God has placed under your feet must remain there –
- ❖ Brothers we must learn to lift our heads to God instead of lowering them to man or any other part of creation

Some ways we lose our focus and relinquish dominion to the enemy

- ❖ Missing in action in prayer Jer. 29:11-12
- ❖ Ignorance of God's Word and Will John 15:7-8
- ❖ Idle hands Pro. 16:27-29; 2 Thes. 3:10-15; Eccl. 10:18; Pro. 21:25-26
- ❖ Unclosed doors − 1 Cor. 10:13

 In the natural closed doors help slow the spread of fires and give you more time to escape. When we leave doors open or even cracked, we invite the enemy to come in and ravage our lives.
- ❖ Getting stuck in yesterday Gen. 19:26; Phil. 3:13-14
- ❖ Stuck on what use to work Mark 9:29; Mat. 12:45
- ❖ Me and mine Gal. 2:20
- ❖ Trying to be like Mike Gen. 1:26; Rom. 1:25
- ❖ Past relationships Amos 3:3
- ❖ Score-keeping Mat. 6:15;
- ❖ Anger Eph. 4:26-27
- ❖ Mess Eph. 4:28-32
 - ➤ Not looking ahead of you Pro. 4:25

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