1) The devil’s temptation

Matthew 4:3-9
3Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ìIf You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.î But He answered and said, ìIt is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.î ìThen the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ìand said to Him, ìIf You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ìHe shall give His angels charge over you, and in their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.î ìJesus said to him, ìIt is written again, ìYou shall not tempt the Lord your God.î ìAgain, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ìAnd he said to Him, ìAll these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.î

2) Man’s Authority

Psalm 8:5-6
5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. ìYou have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet

3) Satan’s authority

1 John 5:19
19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

John 10:10
10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1 Peter 5:8
8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

4) Jesus’s Authority

John 5:19
19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, ìMost assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Dunamis [(doo'-nam-is) → Miraculous power (usually by implication a miracle itself)]

Exousia [(ex-oo-see'-ah) → Delegated influence: authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength]
5) Our Authority

- Position

Ephesians 2:4-6
4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

- Representation

2 Corinthians 5:20
Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

- Been given

Matthew 28:18-20
18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’

- Presumption

Never assume God to do our will
Name it and claim it
Power and principalities
Making our plans, expecting God to bless them
We alone have arrived
Wrong timing

1. We do not own it
2. We are not better
3. Use it rightly
4. We are not indispensable
5. Obedience
6. Fear of God ï accountability
7. Love