



HOW TO STAY FREE AND KEEP YOUR DELIVERANCE

THANK GOD YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR DELIVERANCE.

Thanksgiving is one of the highest forms of faith. By thanking God for your deliverance, you are declaring the enemy no longer has a hold on you.

STAY ON GUARD. Once you get free, the enemy will not give up in trying to take you back into bondage (1 Peter 5:8). The only power the devil has is the power you give him through your words and actions. Stay on guard, for the enemy is looking for an opportune time to gain ground and regain control (Luke 4:13).

LIVE BY GOD'S WORD. Living by God's Word allows it to dominate our thoughts, ideas, and beliefs of the culture (Hebrews 4:12, Romans 12:2). Instead of following what may seem "right," we follow the truth, for it is the truth that keeps us free.

PUT ON THE GARMENT OF PRAISE. Evil spirits do not like praise. God has given us the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3). This means when we face challenges or spiritual attacks, instead of looking outward, we look upward. Instead of magnifying the enemy, we magnify the Lord (Psalm 34:3). By doing so, we break off spiritual powers.

MAKE DISCIPLINE A PRIORITY. An undisciplined life is vulnerable to spiritual attacks. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (1 Samuel 15:23). We open doors of destruction when we do not regularly discipline ourselves in speech, beliefs, and actions. God has given us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7). This means that we have the power to make the right decisions. Instead of blaming our choices on the devil, through Christ, we can make choices without giving in to demonic powers.

CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS WISELY. Bad company corrupts good character (1 Corinthians 15:33). No matter how free you get, if you return to old friendships, relationships, and even family members that are ungodly, it won't be long until you are tangled back into spiritual bondage. As believers, we are to walk among the light and fellowship with those who are of the light (1 John 1:7). We are also commanded to not forsake meeting regularly with other believers (Hebrews 10:25). It may be painful to sever ties with friends or dissociate with family for a time, but it also may mean the difference between blessings and curses.

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (Ephesians 5:18). To be filled is not a one-time experience but a continuation of spiritual strength. We stay filled by keeping a pure heart, continually offering praise and thanks to God, and humbly submitting to one another in love. As a person stays filled, they leave no room for the devil to occupy.

BE BAPTIZED. Baptism was a command from Jesus, not an option (Matthew 28:19-20). That means if you were baptized as a child or didn't understand your decision, you must be baptized again as an act of faith declaring your obedience to the Word. By doing so, you are cutting off the kingdom of Satan, purging your old life with its sinful pleasures away, and rising to your new life in Christ.

Lastly, to sum everything up, to keep your deliverance,

LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS DEPICTED AND DEMONSTRATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

By doing so, you, too, will enjoy the abundant life Jesus promised you!

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