



DISCIPLES ACADEMY – NEXT LEVEL

HOLY WARRIORS 2- HOW TO STAY FREE

THREE SPIRITUAL TRUTHS ABOUT STAYING FREE

TRUTH #1 - WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE WE STAY FREE. (Just because Jesus set us free doesn't mean we are going to stay free. It is possible to go back into slavery.)

Galatians 5:1 (NLT) *So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.*

(To; Religion, un-forgiveness, bitterness rejection, addiction, sexual immorality, anger, fear, rebellion etc...)

TRUTH #2 - IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE SET FREE FROM DEMONS AND BE OPPRESSED AGAIN BY DEMONS.

Matthew 12:43-45 (ERV) *"When an evil spirit comes out of a person, it travels through dry places looking for a place to rest, but it finds none. So it says, 'I will go back to the home I left.' When it comes back, it finds that home still empty. It is all neat and clean. Then the evil spirit goes out and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself. They all go and live there, and that person has even more trouble than before. It is the same way with the evil people who live today."*

TRUTH #3 - THE ONLY WAY TO STAY FREE IS TO STAY FULL. (The demon was able to come back because the house was empty, with no resistance.)

HOW DO WE STAY FREE?

1.) WE STAY FREE BY REMAINING FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (CEB) *The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom.*

B. WE NEVER STOP SEEKING THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. (The disciples stayed strong and free because they continued to fill themselves with The Holy Spirit.)

Acts 13:52 (AMP) And the disciples were continually filled [throughout their hearts and souls] with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

C. THE RESULT OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A FRUITFUL AND FREE LIFE.

Galatians 5:22 (AMP) But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

D. PRAYER ALWAYS RESULTS IN BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 4:31 (NLT) After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

2.) WE STAY FREE BY REMAINING FULL OF THE WORD OF GOD.

A. FILLING OUR HEARTS WITH THE WORD KEEPS US FREE FROM THE SLAVERY OF SIN.

Psalms 119:11 (AMP) Your word I have treasured and stored in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

B. WE FILL OUR HEARTS WITH THE WORD BY MEDITATING ON IT DAY AND NIGHT. (A mind full of the Word results in a fruitful, prosperous, and spiritually mature life; not bondage.)

Psalms 1:2-3 (AMPC) But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night. And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].

3.) WE STAY FREE BY LIVING A LIFE FULL OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS. (Unless we learn how to Unconditionally love others and forgive them, we will never stay free.)

A. LOVE FORGIVES. (Satan uses people's offensive behavior to conquer our love and entrap us.)

1 Peter 4:8 (AMPC) Above all things have intense and unfailing love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins [forgives and disregards the offenses of others].

B. LOVING AND FORGIVING OTHERS IS A MUST WHEN IT COMES TO STAYING FREE.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT) *Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*

C. CHOOSING NOT TO FORGIVE IS CHOOSING TO BE IN BONDAGE TO DEMONS.

Ephesians 4:27 (AMP) *And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness].*

4.) WE STAY FREE BY HAVING A MOUTH FULL OF THE RIGHT WORDS. (We can't remain free if our words lead to bondage. If we are constantly complaining, judging others, lying, cursing others, or gossiping; our lives will be full of pain, suffering and bondage.)

A. THE WRONG WORDS HAVE THE POWER TO ENTRAP US.

Proverbs 6:2 (AMP) *If you have been snared with the words of your lips, if you have been trapped by the speech of your mouth.*

B. A MOUTH FULL OF RIGHT WORDS, RESULTS IN AN ENJOYABLE AND FREE LIFE. (Our Words will determine the quality of our lives. Hurtful Words leads to a life full of hurt and misery.)

1 Peter 3:10 (ERV) *The Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy true life and have only good days, then avoid saying anything hurtful, and never let a lie come out of your mouth.*

C. WE RESIST THE DEVIL'S TEMPTATIONS AND BONDAGE, THROUGH A MOUTH FULL OF THE WORD OF GOD. (The Words we have stored in our hearts will eventually come out of our mouths and defeat the devil and all his schemes.)

Matthew 4:8-11 (ERV) *Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all the wonderful things in them. The devil said, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things." Jesus said to him, "Get away from me, Satan! The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!'" So the devil left him. Then some angels came to Jesus and helped him.*

5.) WE STAY FREE THROUGH A LIFE FULL OF GODLY FELLOWSHIP.

A. WE WILL NOT STAY FREE IF WE CANNOT STAY IN CHURCH. (Before we go back into bondage, we start by neglecting church meetings.)

Hebrews 10:25 (EXB) You should not stay away from [neglect; forsake] the church meetings [meeting together], as some are doing [some were abandoning Christianity and returning to Judaism], but you should encourage each other [to stay faithful to Christ and to other believers], and even more so as you see the day coming [the day of the Lord, when Christ will return].

B. THE EARLY DISCIPLES OF JESUS STAYED STRONG AND FREE, BY DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO A FULL SCHEDULE OF GODLY FELLOWSHIP.

Acts 2:42-43 (AMP) They were continually and faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to eating meals together and to prayers. A sense of awe was felt by everyone, and many wonders and signs (attesting miracles) were taking place through the apostles.

C. UNGODLY FELLOWSHIP RESULTS IN UNGODLY LIVING AND BONDAGE. (If we choose not to devote ourselves to Godly fellowship by default, we will devote ourselves to ungodly fellowship.)

1 Corinthians 15:33 (EXB) Do not be fooled [deceived; misled]: "Bad friends [company] will ruin good habits [or character; morals].

6.) WE STAY FREE THROUGH A LIFE FULL OF SERVICE AND DISCIPLE MAKING. (When we are not free we cannot serve in ministry or make disciples. If we are free to serve and make disciples, keep doing it and this lifestyle will keep us free.)

A. OUR FREEDOM IS TO BE USED TO LOVINGLY SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

Galatians 5:13 (NLT) For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

B. GOD'S PRESENCE AND FREEDOM IS PROMISED TO BE PERPETUALLY WITH ALL DISCIPLE MAKERS. (We cannot have God's presence without His liberty and freedom for ourselves and others. Being a disciple and making disciples is God's will for our lives.)

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT) Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, [a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

C. SERVING OTHERS AND MAKING DISCIPLES KEEPS US HEALTHY AND FREE. (We are truly free when we are free to serve and make disciples.)

John 4:34 (NLT) Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work."

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