

Seventeen Principles For Freedom

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1. Say aloud each day the truths you have received and the gifts given to you by God; you will be reminding both yourself and the enemy that you don't have to look back, you're moving forward.

"-because if you acknowledge and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [recognizing His power, authority, and majesty of God], and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart a person believed [in Christ as Savior] resulting in his justification [that is, being made righteous-being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God]; and with the mouth he acknowledges and confesses [his faith openly], resulting in and confirming [his] salvation." Romans 10:9-10

2. Our feelings and perceptions deceive us. Don't allow the circumstances around you to dictate what you know to be true. Trust that God is meeting you where you are at today and He will help you navigate your new path.

"Are you so foolish and senseless? Having begun [your new life by faith] with the Spirit, are you now being perfected and reaching spiritual maturity by the flesh [that is, by your own works and efforts to keep the Law]?" Galatians 3:3

3. This is just the beginning! Expect that the freedom you have received is only the first of many layers of bondage that will be systematically stripped away. Don't look back; there are great things in store if you keep pressing in for all that He has for you!

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the [heavenly] prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

4. The enemy will continue to distort the truth and attempt to give you proofs that your freedom is not real and can't be lasting; HE IS A LIAR! Your Simply Whole session produced real and lasting results that you will be able to launch from.

"When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44b

5. Holy Spirit convicts us; He never condemns us. You have been made whole, washed in the blood of the Lamb. Call upon the name of Jesus when the enemy over-attacks; he's already been defeated and doesn't stand a chance against the King of kings. He will protect you.

"And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death." Revelation 12:11

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]. For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has set you free from the law of sin and of death." Romans 8:1-2

6a. Do not flirt with sin. You are not bulletproof yet. Avoid situations that you know pull you in and stand firm, resolved to live free.

"So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you. Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people]." James 4:7-8

6b. The war is over; Jesus won the victory... but sometimes we lose the battles. When you sin, confess it quickly, break off partnership with it and hand it to God. He will quickly and freely forgive you; He just wants to be in relationship with you; He will never burden you with guilt and shame; those are enemy tactics.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

7. Jesus really is King of kings and Lord of lords; let Him be Lord of your life too. Give Him everything and He will help you navigate this world. Knowing how much He loves you and has sacrificed for you, how much will you love Him and sacrifice for Him?

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]." Romans 12:1-2

"Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit and constantly guided by Him." Ephesians 5:18

"So then, does He who supplies you with His [marvellous Holy] Spirit and works miracles among you, do it as a result of the works of the Law [which you perform], or because you [believe confidently in the message which you] heard with faith?" Galatians 3:5

8. Life gets busy. You must be intentional about setting aside time to renew your mind and spend time with God; it is the most important thing you will do each day! Download Bible apps on your phone and read during the in-between moments or listen to sermons on YouTube. Find time for Him.

"This Book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful." Joshua 1:8

"Let the [spoken] word of Christ have its home within you [dwelling in your heart and mind-permeating every aspect of your being as you teach [spiritual things] and admonish and train one another with all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16

9. Wear the armor of spiritual warfare every day. Put on each piece thoughtfully and prayerfully and be protected at all times. While you're wearing your armor, PRAY!! You are ready for battle and that comes in the form of praying for others.

"In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to successfully stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly [supernatural] places. Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]. So stand firm and hold your ground, HAVING TIGHTENED THE WIDE BAND OF TRUTH (personal integrity, moral courage) AROUND YOUR WAIST and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (an upright heart), and having strapped on YOUR FEET THE GOSPEL OF PEACE IN PREPARATION [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. Above all, life up the [protective] shield of faith with

which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people." Ephesians 6:10-18

10. The enemy is a prowling lion looking to attack you at any and every opportunity. Be vigilant, ever watchful for when he lays traps and plants lies in your heart, God delights in your requests for help and He will always answer and give you the victory.

"So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you. Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinner; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people]." James 4:7-8

11. Your mind is a powerful tool; consecrate it to the Lord and keep your thoughts focused on the right things.

"Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value]. For you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:1-3

12. You struggled up until your session; it took the power of Holy Spirit to set you free. Don't believe for a moment you can now make it on your own. We were never meant to be apart from God; trust His help and cherish that He walks this journey with you.

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing." John 15:5

"Let your character [your moral essence, your inner nature] be free from the love of money [shun greed-be financially ethical], being content with what you have; for He has said, "I WILL NEVER [under any circumstances] DESERT YOU [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], NOR WILL I FORSAKE OR LET YOU DOWN OR RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU [assuredly not]!" Hebrews 13:5

13a. Although we are called to love all people, not all people should have a place of influence in our lives. Make sure the people who speak in to you are speaking words of life that draw you closer to God and holiness.

“You adulteresses [disloyal sinners—flirting with the world and breaking your vow to God]! Do you not know that being the world’s friend [that is, loving the things of the world] is being God’s enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” James 4:4

13b. You are not immune to fall in to your old habits that led you to sin. Be aware of your pitfalls and stir clear! Make good choices about what you now put in to your mind.

Finally, believers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable *and* worthy of respect, whatever is right *and* confirmed by God’s word, whatever is pure *and* wholesome, whatever is lovely *and* brings peace, whatever is admirable *and* of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think *continually* on these things [center your mind on them, and implant them in your heart]. Philippians 4:8

14. It is easy to partner with pride or criticism, negativity and prayerlessness; be sure you are both giving up the old ways *and* introducing new ways of thinking.

Now the practices of the ^[a]sinful nature are *clearly* evident: they are sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality (total irresponsibility, lack of self-control), ²⁰ ^[b]idolatry, ^[c] sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions [that promote heresies], ²¹ envy, drunkenness, riotous behavior, and *other* things like these. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. We must not become conceited, challenging *or* provoking one another, envying one another. Galatians 5:19-21, 26

15. God truly is amazing and is so worthy of our praise and thankfulness. Be the kind of person that welcomes Him in to each day with praise, always giving thanks to God for His continuous goodness.

Enter His gates with a song of thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, bless *and* praise His name.
For the Lord is good;
His mercy *and* lovingkindness are everlasting,
His faithfulness [endures] to all generations. Psalms 100:4-5

16. Finally, breathe in by faith any of your nine personality needs supplied liberally by the Spirit of God from the glory of Jesus Christ at the right hand of His Father, who is also your Father.

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, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Then Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you [as My representatives].” John 20:21

17. You cannot be lord of your own life. You must submit to the lordship of Christ and obey His will. Continued searching of the Scripture, His Word, is essential to maintaining freedom.

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you, and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My ordinances and do them. Ezekiel 36:25-27