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Freedom to Christ

Freedom in Christ's services is for churches, outreach groups and other organizations to help people find their freedom in Christ, there are mainly a tool, training and equipping organizations, not a counseling service, and they believe that God has given the Church the duty to help people find their freedom in Christ and lead them to spiritual maturity. The purpose of the prayers suggested in the steps to freedom is to help concentrate on the essential areas of truth found in the scriptures, they are not mystical solutions of strength that are released when properly spoken, but these prayers are successful only to the degree that they are honestly offered to God who is strong and caring merely speaking words out loud without a heartfelt affirmation. Christ's purpose in the Lord's prayer is the same as ours in the steps towards freedom to provide a guide that helps people concentrate on important aspects of prayer, but we find that some people who are stuck in spiritual dispute need help focusing their attention in prayer.

As the children of God who sit with Christ in the most heavenly place, we agree that every enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ must be bound to silence, and we say to Satan and all his evil laborers that you cannot inflict any pain or in any way prevent the will of God from being fulfilled in our life, so that Satan must commonly take advantage of us, and where the stronghold has been built, but Christ has bought our life.

My home life from childhood through high school was not too bad, but neither was it perfect, we went to church every Sunday, but it was chaos from Monday to Saturday. We did not read the Bible or talk about Jesus Christ in our home, we had no childhood structure. My mother was always negative about everything we did or said, and when something happens, she always

says “the Devil always stays business”, we were living in a dark place, but for some reason when I became an adult I realized Jesus was there watching over my family.

In my adulthood, I had my first experience with Satan, a man I was dating and living with, he was very controlling, abusive, and aggressive. One Sunday, I went to church with my two sons, the Pastor called me to the altar, he laid hands and prayed for me , the next thing I knew I was on the floor, and when I opened my eyes, it was very bright in the church. I felt something lifted off my body, I was told that I had an unfamiliar spirit on me, but when I arrived home it felt different. The man who was living with me, I told him he had to leave, but he refused, and he became extremely aggressive and spit in my face. I heard the Lord say peace be still and he was told to put the keys on the table, he immediately stood up and placed the keys on the table and walked out the door.

As we process every step, it is important that we submit to God inwardly and resist the devil by reading out loud every prayer verbally, as we take a fiery mortal inventory and make a rock-solid commitment to the truth. The first step towards freedom in Christ is to give up our previous involvement with any satanically motivated occult activities and false religion, I was only involved in palm reading twice in my life, but I did not know it was a non-Christian Spiritual experience. This counterfeit versus real step, enables the inquirer to spiritually cleanse the house by renouncing all participation in the occult, false religion. The Holy Spirit can disclose what he considers necessary in order that the inquirer can experience freedom from any control that the enemy may have in our lives through past or present involvement with such issues.

Truth is the revelation of the word of God, but we must understand the reality within ourselves, there are cultural values and beliefs contrary to reality, which many of us carry into

our personal system of convictions, but these worldly disappointments can lead us to harmful and even destructive patterns of behavior. We must forgive others in order to be free from our past and not allow ourselves to be used by others, and we must be merciful just as our heavenly Father is merciful, but we must forgive as we have been forgiven. The followers of Christ know we are expected to forgive, this step gently guides us through the process of actually doing so, and it encourages great patience as the inquirer wrestles through this process that may take more of the entire appointment period for freedom.

We live in rebellious times and many feel that it is their right to judge those in authority over them, to rebel against God and His authority gives Satan the opportunity to attack, but under authority there is an act of faith, and we trust that God will work His proven authority. The step gives the inquirer the opportunity to face the ways that we lived from a rebellious heart, but because this divine solution is to submit to God, we can resist the devil and he will free us, and then we will be able to live a life of obedience to God.

Pride is a poison because it is the foundation for disrespecting others and it causes pain in our lives, and humility is an asset for self-improvement, by living a humble life, by acknowledging areas of our lives that require work. Therefore, living in pride is directly contrary to the character of Christ in sobering phase, inquirers invite the Lord to show us concrete ways that pride has arisen in our lives, choosing to confess areas of pride and choosing to serve Christ and others in humility rather than living in selfishness and self-centeredness. We have to remember that our salvation will be the product of what we want to believe, confess, forgive, renounce and forsake, but the war of our minds can only be won if we individually chose the reality that Satan can only be overcome if we challenge him verbally, he can never read our

minds and he is not under any obligation to follow our thoughts, but only God knows our minds entirely.

