



Key Scripture:

Galatians 5:1 NIV

It is **for freedom that Christ has set us free.**

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Live in Freedom...

Galatians 5:13-15 NLT

13 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. 14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you are always biting and devouring one another, **watch out!** Beware of destroying one another.

Fundamentals of Freedom...

✓ **Know God better**

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✓ **Connect with other believers**

Galatians 6:1-2 TLB

1 Dear brothers, if a Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should **gently and humbly help him back onto the right path**, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong. 2 **Share each other's troubles and problems**, and so obey our Lord's command.

✓ **Grow...Discover Purpose**

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✓ **Serve...Make A Difference**

Galatians 5:13 NLT

...use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Freedom starts with sacrifice

Matthew 16:24 NLT

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If any of you **wants to be My follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow Me.**"

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Living In Freedom!

Freedom Watch

Watching is key to living in freedom...

1. Watch out for the **devil!**

1 Peter 5:8 NLT

Stay alert! **Watch out for your great enemy, the devil.**

He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Galatians 5:17 NLT

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires.

These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

2. Watch out for your **desires!**

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

19 When you follow **the desires of your sinful nature**, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

- ✓ **Sexual Immorality** – v. 19 *sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures.*
- ✓ **Worship outside of God** – v. 20 *idolatry, sorcery (witchcraft).*
- ✓ **Relational Conflict** – v. 20-21 *hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy.*
- ✓ **Addictions** – v. 21 *drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.*

Result of sinful desires - anyone living that sort of life will **not** inherit the Kingdom of God.

3. Watch out for your **disposition!**

Galatians 5:22-25 NIV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

25 Since **we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

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