

MAINTAINING YOUR DELIVERANCE

SUBMIT TO GOD RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU
DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU

JAMES 4:7-8



8 STEPS FOR MAINTAINING DELIVERANCE

1. Put on the whole armor of GOD

Ephesians 6:10-18 Prepare for conflict

**We struggle against hostile demonic
powers who have rebelled against God and
oppose His people**



THERE ARE SEVEN PIECES OF ARMOR

1. Loins girded about with truth.



2. The breastplate of righteousness.



3. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.



4. The shield of faith.



5. The helmet of salvation.



6. The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of GOD.



7. Praying in the Spirit. (Tongues)Constantly for ourselves and others



OUR WEAPONS

- ◆ Belt of truth...Secure your inner life with truth.
- ◆ Breast plate... protects the outer life by being morally upright, doing right to my neighbor. Helps us avoid sin.
- ◆ Feet... prepared to be ready to take the gospel to any place anytime.
- ◆ Shield, a firm faith will provide a shield against the devil's temptations.
- ◆ Helmet...provides the knowledge of a sure salvation and gives assurance of complete victory
- ◆ Sword... increasing in the knowledge of God's word will enable the word to be used against the enemy offensive weapon to fight temptation
- ◆ Prayer protects us because it keeps us connected to God.

Pray



Heavenly Father thank you that you have given me all I need to be victorious in the spiritual battle, which all your children are engaged. Help me to rely on you and not on my own abilities. Help me to find all I need in you and the power of your might.

2. CHECK YOUR THOUGHT LIFE

Refuse the thoughts that demons give and replace them with God's thoughts.

Philippians 4:8

Rehearsing the word, God has spoken, releases faith. **Rom 10:17** Repeating Satan's lies gives permission for demonic influence and will open the door to the him. **Mark 11:23**



3. MIND RENEWAL

Don't allow the world or the enemy to tell us who we are or how we should feel or behave

- ◆ Throw out the lies. Clear away the rubbish, then feast on the truth. Nehemiah story
- ◆ Romans 12:2 be transformed by the renewing of your mind
- ◆ Inner transformational change in the heart, that is brought about by the Holy Spirit, by his illumination of truth within us
- ◆ Transform means metamorphosis (old to new)
- ◆ Renew means to resume to an original position after an interruption. It is a reset. In new birth, Jesus's identity becomes your default. Your original position is made whole. Anything contrary to who Jesus is, such as fear shame guilt worry condemnation is an interruption.

DEMOLISHING LIES

- ◆ 2 Cor 10:4-5 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we **take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

INTERRUPTING THE INTERRUPTIONS WITH THE TRUTH



Ephesians 4:17-23

- 17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the **hardening of their hearts.** 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality, to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

- 20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the **truth** that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

- 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

◆ THINKING AND SPEAKING TRUTH, REWIRES FROM DESTRUCTIVE PATTERNS

◆ PHIL 4:8

◆ WE ARE CAPABLE OF CHANGE AND NEW CHOICES

◆ JOHN 8:32

◆ SOAK IN THE WORD

◆ DWELL ON THE TRUTH

◆ COL 3:2

◆ PRAY THE WORD

◆ HEBREWS 4:12

4. JESUS WITHSTOOD SATAN'S TEMPTATION BY USING SCRIPTURE

- 💧 The Word is a mirror to the soul. **James 1:12-15**
- 💧 It is a lamp unto the feet for guidance. **Psalm 119:105**
- 💧 It is a cleansing agent. **Ephesians 5:25-26**
- 💧 It is a two-edged sword, laying bare the heart.
Hebrews 4:12
- 💧 It is food for the spirit. **1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4**

5. TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

No person can maintain deliverance apart from the Word of GOD as a primary focus in their life. **Psalm 1:1-3**

Take up your cross daily and follow Jesus. **Luke 9:23**

If fleshly, appetites, desires and lusts are not brought to the cross, it is a way for demons to return.

Galatians 5:19-21, 24

Develop a life of continuous praise and prayer, which silences the enemy. Pray in the Spirit (in tongues) and also in the understanding. **1 Corinthians 14:14**

Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17



6. MAINTAIN and COMMIT

- ◆ Maintain a life of fellowship and spiritual ministry. It is the sheep that wanders from the flock that is most endangered. Desire spiritual gifts and yield to their operation through you. **1 Corinthians 12:7-14**
- ◆ Commit yourself totally to Christ. Determine that every thought, word and action will reflect the very nature of Christ. Faith and trust in GOD is the greatest weapon against the Devil's lies.
Ephesians 6:16

Doing these things will ensure that your “house” (life) is filled. After having been cleansed; Do Not settle for anything less. **Romans 5:10**

7. CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT



Take your freedom by faith. This is your position, declare it, stand on the Word, get stubborn with the devil, this is your heritage.

Luke 10:19

A loving spirit is needed. Refuse to be hateful and mean; put on love.

Matthew 5:25

A forgiving spirit is needed; an unforgiving spirit allows the enemy access. **Mark 11:25**

A tender spirit is needed. Jesus did not bite back. He was tender; be like Him.

8. LEARN

Learn to exercise mercy and gentleness; these are Christ-like actions.

Any enemy spirit that you yield to, will bring bondage. Yield to Christ's love, meekness, and tenderness; then liberation comes. 2

Timothy 2:24

You must forsake sin so that a worse thing will not come on you. **John 5:14**

- ◆ Refuse to yield to a retaliation spirit.(revenge)
- ◆ Do away with a critical spirit.
- ◆ Learn to recognize the striving spirit, it is from the devil, do not yield to it; it will bring you into bondage again.
- ◆ Learn to yield to the peaceable spirit; be a peacemaker.



SUMMARY

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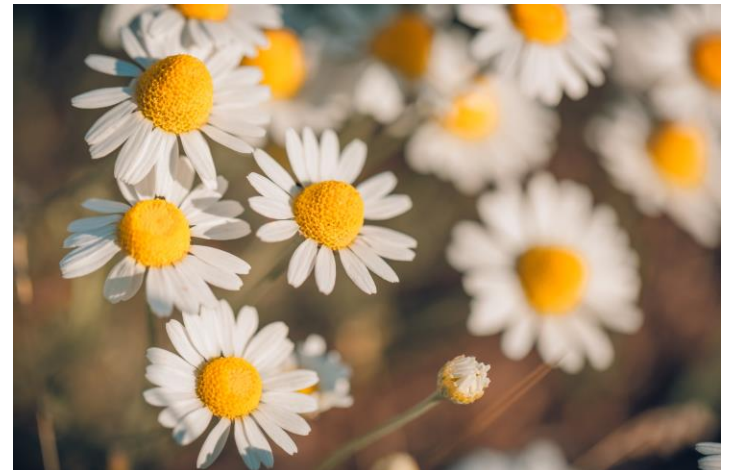
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- ◆ PRACTICE THE STEPS IN THE SUMMARY
- ◆ WRITE I 'AM STATEMENTS OF TRUTH GOD HAS SPOKEN TO YOU AND PRACTICE SAYING THEM OUT LOUD SEVERAL TIMES A DAY
- ◆ TAKE THOUGHT INVENTORY AT LEAST ONCE A DAY (WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT)
- ◆ PRACTICE PUTTING ON THE ARMOR DAILY