

STEPS TO FREEDOM IN CHRIST 6 & 7

FREEDOM V. CAPTIVITY

BLESSING V. CURSE

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The 7 Steps To Freedom Are:

- 1) *Choosing The Real; Rejecting The Counterfeit*
- 2) *Choosing The Truth; Rejecting Deception*
- 3) *Choosing Forgiveness; Rejecting Bitterness*
- 4) *Choosing To Submit To God; Rejecting Rebellion*
- 5) *Choosing Humility; Rejecting Pride*
- 6) *Choosing Freedom And Liberty; Rejecting Bondage & Captivity*
- 7) *Choosing The Blessing; Rejecting The Curse*

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The 7 Steps to Freedom in Christ do not set you free.

- ***Who sets you free? Christ***
- ***What sets you free? Responding in repentance and faith***

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• *We Are Not Helpless Victims Caught Between Two Nearly Equal But Opposite Heavenly Superpowers:*

- 1. Satan Is A Deceiver*
- 2. Only God Is Omnipotent, Omnipresent And Omniscient*
- 3. Satan Is A Defeated Foe; We Are Overcomers In Christ*

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- *The Battle Is For Our Minds, Which Is The Control Center Of All That We Think And Do.*
- *Your Freedom Will Be The Result Of What You Choose To Believe, Confess, Forgive, Renounce And Forsake. No One Can Do That For You.*

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- *The Battle For Our Can Only Be Won As We Choose Truth*
- *Discovering The Truth Of Christ And Aligning With It Is The First Step In The Freedom And Liberty*

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Step Six: Freedom vs Bondage

- *1 Cor. 10:13 ... "when we're tempted God is faithful and he will provide a way of escape."*
- *James 4:7 (NIV) "if we submit to God and resist the devil, the devil will flee from us."*

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We Are Not Designed For Captivity But For Freedom!

- **Romans 8:15 (NKJV)** (15) *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

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How Does Someone Become Bound?

- *Spiritual Bondage Occurs Where We Come Into Agreement With A Lie From The Enemy*
- *In Rejecting God's Truth, We Are Susceptible To The Enemy's Lies*
- *Rejecting God's Truth & Authority Opens The Door To The Enemy*
- *A Stronghold That Is Not Contained Takes Over Your Life*

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We can be bound because of:

- *Habitual Sin, Giving Into The Lusts Of Our Flesh*
- *Disobedience*
- *Generational Curses*

Exodus 34:7 - *"I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. **But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected-even children in the third and fourth generations.**"*

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Ignorance Of God's Word Can Keep Us In Bondage

- **Hosea 4:6** - *"My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge"*
- **Isaiah 5:13** - *"Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst"*

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- ***Confession Leads To Healing: The Next Step To Freedom For Those Dealing With Habitual Sin Is To Confess It, Not Cover It***
- **James 5:16 (NIV) – 16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
- **Proverbs 28:13 (NIV) – 13** He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

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3 Things To Know Regarding Your Spiritual Freedom:

- 1. Realize That Jesus Wants You To Be Free!**
- 2. He Has Supplied Everything It Takes To Get Free!**
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To Repent Means...

- *To Turn From Our Wicked Ways Means*
- *To Turn From All Sin*
- *To Renounce All Forms Idolatry & Conformity To The World*
- *To Turn From The World Towards God*
- *To Draw Near To Him And His Ways*

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Take The Steps To Freedom:

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- *Repent Of The Bondage That Has Taken You Captive*
- *List Any Sins Against God And Repent Of Each One.*
- *Put On The Armor Of God Make It Personal*
- *Take Your Authority To Renounce & Resist The Enemy*
- *Command The Spirit Of Bondage To Leave In Jesus' Name*
- *Fill Your Mind, Heart, & Spirit With His Presence & His Word*