



## **Keeping Our Deliverance**

The basic answer to keeping what God gives us -whether it is salvation, healing or deliverance, is *total commitment of one's life to Jesus Christ.*

*Total commitment to Jesus Christ means that with a voluntary act of will, every area of life is to be surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. No more partial commitments. Such a surrender recognizes the right of Christ to CONTROL and GOVERN each decision as it arises.*

### **TOTAL COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST**

1. Live by the Scriptures.
2. Learn to praise God continually.
3. Protect and guard your thought life.
4. Cultivate right relationships.
5. Submit to discipline.

### **LIVE BY THE SCRIPTURES**

The word of God proclaims Satan's defeat. By standing on God's Word, a person who has been delivered can block Satan's attempts to return. Jesus himself, during His temptation, withstood Satan by reliance on the written word. "It is written...." He said in response to every allurement of the devil. The Scriptures confirm that health, protection, and deliverance are all part of our inheritance in Christ. But we CANNOT CLAIM THESE PROMISES IF WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THEM – and this means prayerful and expectant daily Bible reading.

### **LEARN TO PRAISE GOD CONTINUALLY**

"The devil never has much luck with a grateful man." An attitude of thanksgiving and praise can thwart Satan's efforts to dislodge us from our place in Christ. Such an attitude is especially important after deliverance: it is one of the ways we "rebuild the walls." "Rejoice evermore," Paul wrote the Thessalonians, and "in every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

### **PROTECT AND GUARD YOUR THOUGHT LIFE**

The mind is Satan's primary target. By suggestion and insinuation, his temptations subtly begin. Therefore we must "put on the helmet of salvation" to cover and protect the mind. This means nipping certain conversations in the bud; it means avoiding certain films, books and environments that we know spell danger for us. It is not sin to be tempted, but to invite and entertain temptation is to hold open a door to the enemy.



### **CULTIVATE RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS**

Hatred and resentment toward others creates the ideal climate for demonic invasion. Just as a person can scarcely be delivered without forgiving those who have injured him, neither can he keep his deliverance for long if he permits bitterness and resentment to creep back in.

Maintaining loving relationships with others and practicing continual on-the-spot forgiveness are two of the surest wall-builders.

### **SUBMIT TO DISCIPLINE**

Demonic problems are often the result of overindulgence of some appetite or weakness of the flesh. For the one delivered, discipline becomes an essential part of keeping the victory. Not just self-discipline but also submissions to others more mature in Jesus Christ. This means becoming a part of a regularly meeting body of Christians and submitting our plans and desires to the wisdom of the group.