



DISCIPLESHIP  
INTERNATIONAL

Unlock Your  
Potential

Delivered

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# Review

## 1. Right Foundation

- ▶ Integrating God's Love

## 2. Right Who and Right Tools

- ▶ Who changes us - Holy Spirit (not us)
- ▶ Holy Spirit gives us supernatural gifts to change

# 3D Christian

- ▶ If you want to be all you can be, not shallow but complete, then you need to be...
  1. **Devoted** - Being intensely or passionately dedicated to Jesus
  2. **Discipled** - Jesus' way to grow: Submitting to the training of a mentor
  3. **Delivered**

# Delivered - the Spiritual Battle

- ▶ 1 John 2:13 - I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.
  - ▶ Children in Christ haven't attained this
  - ▶ It is not automatic
- ▶ Ephesians 6:12 - For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

# Unknown to Most – Invisible Battle

- ▶ Jesus drove out demons, but are they real?
  - ▶ Are they still around today?
  - ▶ Do they affect people? Me?
- ▶ Yes to all of these questions

# Wrong Ideas

- ▶ Devil in red with pitchfork
- ▶ Ghosts and monsters from movies
- ▶ Spiritual forces of evil hide in fear and fantasy
  1. Make you so afraid you don't want to know
  2. Make you believe that they aren't real - a fantasy

# They lie to us and enslave us

- ▶ Galatians 4:3 (NIV) - So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world.
- ▶ Galatians 4:9 - But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?
- ▶ Spiritual forces trying to convince them that they had to earn their salvation

# Spiritual Slavery

- ▶ John 8:34 - Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."
- ▶ Hebrews 12:1 - let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

# If I'm a Christian, aren't I already free

- ▶ Yes and No
- ▶ We have the right to be free and the power of Jesus to set us free
- ▶ 1 John 2:13 - I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.
  - ▶ Children, Young Men/Women, Spiritual Parents
  - ▶ Sometimes immediate, sometimes part of discipleship growth

# How does it affect me?

- ▶ Slavery to sin - sins you cannot stop - Jn 8:34
- ▶ Stopping/slowing spiritual growth - Heb 12:1
- ▶ Thoughts/lies that lead away - Galatians 4:9
- ▶ Hard to discern God's voice - 1 Jn 4:1
- ▶ Spiritual blindness - unbelief - 2 Corinthians 4:4
- ▶ Some physical sickness - rebuke fever - Lk 4:39
- ▶ Some mental sickness - boy with epilepsy - Mk 9:20

# How Do I Get Free?

- ▶ Discipleship growth
- ▶ Ask for help - gifts in the body of Christ