



Freedom By The Truth

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:32,36).

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There are many things that happen in life that do not have scientific, psychological, sociological or any of the natural explanations. God reveals in His word that we have an invisible enemy (Satan) that will contend with us all through life till we get to heaven **“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh”** (2 Corinthians 10:3). In his operations, described as “wiles” in the Ephesians 6:11, he likes to disguise himself (2 Corinthians 11:14-15) or hide behind natural phenomenon so as to point people in the wrong direction, and thereby cover his trails, so he can continue to perpetrate more ills. In 2 Corinthian 2:11, God warned that if Christians are ignorant of Satan’s devices, then Satan will take advantage of them. Ignorance can be very costly for the Christian “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). To gain victory, secure the victory and enjoy it all the days of our lives, there are certain things a Christian must not be ignorant of, including:

- 1) Jesus conquered the devil and gave the victory to every Christian (Colossians 2:15; I John 3:8; Mark 16:16-17; Luke 10:19; Ephesians 2:6).
- 2) The Battle ground is in the mind (2 Corinthians 10:4,5), therefore watch your thoughts, because as a person thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7). Thoughts seek outlet through words (Matthew 12:34). The spoken words re-enforce the original thoughts and crystallise them into beliefs (Romans 10:17) that seek outlets through actions. Repeated actions give birth to habits, which in turn yields character, and character determines your destiny. Nip the devil at the bud of thought, and you will be protecting your desti-

“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11).



ny for eternity. The type of thoughts to particularly watch out for include:

- Sickness is a blessing in disguise
 - Torment is a prelude to destiny. Note that God is not a wicked tormentor. Even when he allows the devil to tempt, He limits the temptation and also make a way of escape (I Corinthians 10:13).
 - It is a matter of age, race, gene, etc.
- 3) The divine provision for your victory are more than sufficient (2 Corinthians 10:4,5)
 - 4) Effective resistance of the devil is only possible through submission to God and His word (2 Corinthians 10:6; James 4:7).
 - 5) Living and operating under any form of fear other than the fear of God, is submitting to the bondage of Satan (2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 14:23; Luke 1:74-75).
 - 6) Victory over the devil does not imply that the devil will abandon the Christian permanently in peace; but it does means that his battles will all be in vain, because of the victory. Therefore, do not be surprised to see new wiles of the devil after a victory, but stand your ground firm on the victory and the promises of God.
 - 7) Praise, worship and scriptural proclamations are powerful weapons for victory.

The victory purchased by Christ 2000 years ago is already in your hands. Use it to bring the reality into your life and circumstances.