LIVING FREE

Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

John 8:32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36 - If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

II Corinthians 3:17 - Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

John 10:10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 8:29 - ...for I do always those things that please Hlm.

HOW DOES BONDAGE COME?

1)  OUR ENVIRONMENT - Atmospheres!

   God is into atmospheres - but so is the devil!
   Create a good atmosphere in your home & avoid bad (demonic) atmospheres whenever you possibly can. What does God like? Dislike?
   Wrong atmospheres create an invitation for demonic spirits to 'lure' & attract people to sin.
   WATCH YOUR ATMOSPHERE!
   (See: II Cor. 3:17 - Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

What kind of atmosphere are you creating wherever you go?

2)  FRIENDS  - Who you associate with.

   I Corinthians 15:33 - Be not deceived evil communications corrupt good manners.

    See: Numbers 33:55 / I Kings 11:2 /
    Proverbs 28:7 / Proverbs 13:20 /
    II Thessalonians 3:14 / II Corinthians 6:17 /

3)  FAMILY  - Familiar relatives who have seen your shortcomings in the past and remember so they can remind you.

   Luke 18: 29 & 30. (in this present time) This verse doesn't mean that you should cut off all
communications and disown your own family members. It does mean that we should not let our family keep us from a closer walk with the Lord. We should care more about what God thinks of us, than what our family members think of us. Remember: John 8:29 (b) - .....I do always those things that please Him. Your family has (at times) seen the worst of you and want to remind you of your past that happened years ago. YOU have gone past that in your walk and relationship with the Lord, but some of your family members could be notorious for mentally keeping you in a time warp zone, instead of realizing God is changing your heart to be more like Jesus! Don't let your family's judgment about you hinder your spiritual advancement with the Lord! What matters most is what GOD is saying about you - not others. What does His Word say about you? You are more than a conqueror, so act like it!

4) YOUR FLESH ! ! ! - Your own natural self.

Matthew 16:24 - Then said Jesus unto His disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

See: Romans 8:13 / Romans 15:1 / Galatians 5:24
Romans 6:11 / I Corinthians 15:31 /
I Corinthians 10:13 - "no temptation taken you"
James 1: 12 - 16 - "every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust"
Matthew 4: 3-11 / Luke 4:13 - "for a season"
Genesis 3:6 / I John 2: 15 - 17 /
I Corinthians 9:27

EPHESIANS 6:12 - "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

NOTE: In reality, satan is behind our sin nature, the reason why we sin, etc. Just don't let it be an excuse for you to blame the devil every time you do something wrong. We do have our own will and choice in the decisions we make. God has given us a 'way of escape' according to I Cor. 10:13. When we stay focused on what is pure, lovely, and a good report (See: Philippians 4:8), we will keep ourselves from giving into temptation more and more. DON'T PUT YOURSELF IN PLACES TO
BE TEMPTED. WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?!?!?
He did what the Word said. He did what pleased His heavenly Father, not Himself. Let you flesh die! (I Cor. 15:31)

Thank God for your deliverance. Keep your mind and heart focused on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith. Stay in prayer. Stay in the Word. Walk in love and forgiveness. Thank God. Praise God. Love God more than anyone or anything. Even with tears....let your flesh die, because Jesus IS coming soon! We will all have to stand before Him someday and give an account of our lives. (See: Romans 14: 10-12) (unsaved - Rev. 20:11-15)

STAY FREE SO YOU CAN HEAR HIM SAY, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...." (Matthew 25:23)