

Free Through And Through

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II Cor. 5:17 (Living Bible) When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

Matthew 16:17 (The Message) Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am.

Hebrews 4:12 (The Message) God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what.

I. Jesus Came To Set Us Free

Luke 4:18 (New Century Version) "The Lord has put his spirit in me, because he appointed me to tell the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to tell the captives they are free and to tell the blind that they can see again. God sent me to free those who have been treated unfairly

II. God Created Man To Be Free

Let's take a look at what God said about man when He first made him.

Genesis 1:26-28 (King James) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. [28] And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

In verse 26 we see three things God said about man after creating him.

1. It was God's Ideal to make him.
2. God decided to make man in His own image and likeness.
3. To have dominion over all the earth.

The Principles of Increase Restored

1. **Fruitful** – To bear fruit, to be fertile. To be productive in abundances.
2. **Multiply** – To increase in number or quantity by adding the number or quantity to itself repeatedly in a single arithmetical step.
3. **Replenish** – To get a new supply, to restore to the original state or amount.
4. **Subdue** – To tread down, to conquer.
5. **Dominion** – Supreme Authority.

III. Freedom Rest On Principles

James 1:25 (Today's English Version) But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it and do not simply listen and then forget it, but put it into practice—you will be blessed by God in what you do.

Proverbs 2:1-9 KJ

IV. You Have To Fight For Freedom

You have to fight for freedom in any realm of life.

1 Tim. 6:12 (New Century Version) Fight the good fight of faith, grabbing hold of the life that continues forever. You were called to have that life when you confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

V. You've Got The Right Stuff

James (4:7 King James) - Acts 1:8 (King James)

Philip. 4:13 (King James) - 1 John 4:4 (King James)

2 Cor. 2:14 (King James) - Luke 10:19 (King James)

Ephes. 3:20 (King James)