

Holistic Freedom

“Effects of Bondage”

KEY VERSE:

***Freedom is what we have; Christ has set us free!
Stand, then, as free people,
and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.*** Galatians 5:1 (Today's English Version)

LESSON FOCUS: *Believers are called to live a life of freedom.*

DISCUSSION:

- How is being in spiritual bondage like entertaining a thief?

FOUR SERIOUS EFFECTS OF BONDAGE:

- **Spiritual bondage robs us of fulfillment. – (John 10:10)**
Whatever bondage is present in your life, remember, it is a thief.
- **Spiritual bondage hinders our fruitfulness. – (Mark 4:18,19)**
Bondages choke out the growth of good things.
- **Spiritual bondage weakens our influence. –(Matthew 5:13)**
Bondage undermines our character, erodes our self-respect, and diminishes our reputation.
- **Spiritual bondage threatens our future. –(Isaiah 1:15-20)**
Bondages lock us into bad choices.

***“When we entertain spiritual bondage, we are entertaining a thief.
Spiritual bondage is a robber. It shows up with one agenda—to steal from us all the blessings
and potential that Christ planned for us to possess.”***

***I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.***

Galatians 2:20 (New King James Version)

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