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“Living My Life Like its Golden”

HOLISTIC FREEDOM

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Three Sources of Bondage

1. Satan.
 - a. He is a destructive and divisive being. (John 10:10)
 - His ambition is to steal the affection and allegiance of God’s people.
 - He will employ any and every strategy to gain access and to control their lives. The end result is always bondage.
 - b. Satan enslaves us by;
 - Birth – (Ps. 51:5 “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.”)
 - Choice – yielding to temptation (Eph. 4:27 “...neither give place to the devil.”)
 - Influence – he traps of by the influences that surround our lives, impacting the development of our personality and character. (Luke 8:14 “...are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.”)
2. Sin.
 - a. This is where bondages get fed. Notice the effects of the Fall recorded in Genesis.
 - D – death of the spirit – the union with God was severed.
 - E – emotional handicap – one of the first emotions expressed after the fall was fear.
 - A – attributes become needs – acceptance was replaced by rejection. Therefore, we have a need to belong. Authority was replaced by weakness and helplessness. Therefore, we have a need for strength and self-control.
 - T – too many choices – with so many options, we eventually choose the wrong one.
 - H- hiding from God – after their sin, Adam and Eve tried to hide from God. They lost their true knowledge of God, which was based on a personal, intimate relationship.
3. Self
 - a. Spiritual bondages take control of certain aspects of our thoughts. They influence and control our decisions and unsettle our emotions, robbing us of our potential in God.
 - b. They become baggage that we carry with us everywhere, weighing us down and wearing us out.