

## SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING IN FREEDOM

The secret to staying free lies within the Word. The Scriptures are living and active, and they will show you how to live in the Tree of Life every single day as they strengthen your spirit. In dark times, the Word will illuminate your path; in trials, the Word will bring you peace.

Ask the Lord to inscribe these truths on your heart, and they will become a part of you and all you do. No longer will old ways govern your decisions; instead, you will be transformed into a new creation that radiates the hope of heaven in joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.

## **HOW TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

**2 SAMUEL 22:33**

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts.

**ZECHARIAH 4:6**

For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

**ROMANS 6:6**

For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

**ROMANS 6:14**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord Who is the Spirit.

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**GALATIANS 2:20**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

**GALATIANS 5:1**

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

**GALATIANS 5:24**

Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

**EPHESIANS 6:13**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

## **WHEN YOU STRUGGLE WITH AUTHORITY**

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

**ROMANS 13:1**

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**HEBREWS 13:17**

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority.

**1 PETER 2:13**

## **GOD IS WITH YOU**

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

**EXODUS 33:14**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**PSALM 46:1**

But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you when you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east and gather you from the west."

**ISAIAH 43:1-2, 5**

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

**HEBREWS 13:5**

## **WHEN YOU STRUGGLE WITH PRIDE OR SURRENDERING**

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

**MATTHEW 10:38**

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

**MATTHEW 10:39**

Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**MATTHEW 18:4**

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

**MATTHEW 23:12**

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**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3**

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

**1 PETER 5:5-6**

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12**

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

**JAMES 3:16**

## **WHEN ANGER ARISES**

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds and be silent.

**PSALM 4:4**

A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.

**PROVERBS 14:16**

A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

**PROVERBS 14:29**

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

**PROVERBS 29:11**

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**PSALM 37:8**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

**PSALM 145:8-9**

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:7**

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

**HEBREWS 8:12**

## **WHEN YOU FEEL REJECTED**

Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will receive me.  
**PSALM 27:10**

I praise you because I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made; your works are  
wonderful. I know that full well.  
**PSALM 139:14**

“I took you from the ends of the earth,  
from its farthest corners I called you. I  
said, ‘You are my servant. I have chosen  
you and have not rejected you.’ ”  
**ISAIAH 41:9**

“No weapon forged against you will  
prevail, and you will refute every tongue  
that accuses you. This is the heritage of  
the servants of the Lord, and this is their  
vindication from me,” declares the Lord.  
**ISAIAH 54:17**

So, if the Son sets you free, you will be  
free indeed.  
**JOHN 8:36**

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
**ROMANS 8:31**

In all these things we are more than  
conquerors through Him who loved us.  
**ROMANS 8:37**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a  
new creation; the old has gone,  
the new has come!  
**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

For we are God’s workmanship, created in  
Christ Jesus to do good works, which God  
prepared in advance for us to do.  
**EPHESIANS 2:10**

For He chose us in Him before the  
creation of the world to be holy and  
blameless in His sight.  
**EPHESIANS 1:4**

## WHEN YOU STRUGGLE WITH PURITY

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**PSALM 51:10**

How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By living according to your word.

**PSALM 119:9**

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is  
the wellspring of life.

**PROVERBS 4:23**

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will  
see God.

**MATTHEW 5:8**

Do not conform any longer to the pattern  
of this world but be transformed by the  
renewing of your mind. Then you will be  
able to test and approve what God's will  
is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

**ROMANS 12:2**

We demolish arguments and every  
pretension that sets itself up against the  
knowledge of God, and we take captive  
every thought to make it obedient to  
Christ.

**2 CORINTHIANS 10:5**

Since we have these promises, dear  
friends, let us purify ourselves from  
everything that contaminates body and  
spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence  
for God.

**2 CORINTHIANS 7:1**

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, what-  
ever is noble, whatever is right, whatever  
is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is  
admirable—if anything is excellent or  
praiseworthy—think about such things.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:8**

How much more, then, will the blood of  
Christ, who through the eternal Spirit  
offered himself unblemished to God,  
cleanse our consciences from acts that  
lead to death, so that we may serve the  
living God!

**HEBREWS 9:14**

Let us draw near to God with a sincere  
heart in full assurance of faith, having our  
hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a  
guilty conscience and having our bodies  
washed with pure water.

**HEBREWS 10:22**

## **WHEN YOU FEEL ASHAMED**

Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be—you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean.

**PSALM 32:1**

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**PSALM 103:10**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**PSALM 103:12**

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

**JOHN 15:3**

For He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

**EPHESIANS 1:4-7**

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

**HEBREWS 8:12**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 JOHN 1:9**

If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**1 JOHN 2:1**

## **WHEN YOU FACE TEMPTATION**

I will set before my eyes no vile thing.  
**PSALM 101:3**

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.  
**MATTHEW 26:41**

Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.  
**ROMANS 13:14**

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.  
**1 CORINTHIANS 10:13**

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.  
**1 CORINTHIANS 9:27**

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.  
**1 TIMOTHY 2:22**

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.  
**EPHESIANS 2:2-6**

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.  
**TITUS 2:11-14**

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
**JAMES 4:7**

## **WHEN YOU FEEL CONDEMNED**

They looked to Him and were radiant;  
their faces were not ashamed.

**PSALM 34:5**

Do not be afraid, you will not suffer  
shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not  
be humiliated; you will forget the shame  
of your youth.

**ISAIAH 54:4**

Instead of your shame you shall have  
double honor.

**ISAIAH 61:7**

For God did not send his Son into the  
world to condemn the world, but to save  
the world through Him.

**JOHN 3:17**

When he [satan] lies, he speaks his native  
language, for he is a liar and the father of  
lies.

**JOHN 8:44**

But Jesus bent down and started to write  
on the ground with his finger. When they  
kept on questioning him, He straightened  
up and said to them, "If any one of you is  
without sin, let him be the first to throw a  
stone at her . . ." Jesus straightened up  
and asked her, "Woman, where are they?  
Has no one condemned you?" "No one,  
sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn  
you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave  
your life of sin."

**JOHN 8:7, 10-11**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**ROMANS 8:1**

For the accuser of our brothers [satan],  
who accuses them before our God day  
and night, has been hurled down.

**REVELATION 12:10**

## **WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN WRONGED**

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven but dwelling on it separates close friends.  
**PROVERBS 17:9**

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.  
**MATTHEW 5:44**

For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.  
**MATTHEW 6:14**

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.  
**MARK 11:24-26**

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.  
**ROMANS 12:17-18**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.  
**EPHESIANS 4:32**

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.  
**HEBREWS 12:15**

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.  
**1 PETER 3:9**

## **WHEN YOUR HEART IS BROKEN**

I am the Lord, who heals you.  
**EXODUS 15:26**

He is near to those who have a broken heart and saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
**PSALM 34:18-19**

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  
**PSALM 147:3**

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.  
**ISAIAH 61:1-3**

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.  
**MATTHEW 11:28-30**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**ROMANS 8:35, 38-39**

## MOVING PAST THE PAST

Do not call to mind the former things or ponder things of the past. "Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

**ISAIAH 43:18-19**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus

**PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14**

## WHEN YOU NEED PEACE

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**JOHN 14:27**

...and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:7**

## **WHEN YOU HAVE MONEY ISSUES**

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.  
**DEUTERONOMY 28:12**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.  
**1 CHRONICLES 29:11**

If your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.  
**PSALM 62:10**

In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them, and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.  
**PSALM 102:25-27**

Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.  
**PROVERBS 1:19**

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.  
**MALACHI 3:10-12**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
**MATTHEW 6:21**

He who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.  
**PROVERBS 11:18**

Greed brings grief to the whole family.  
**PROVERBS 15:27**

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.  
**ECCLESIASTES 5:10**

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.  
**ISAIAH 33:6**

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
**ISAIAH 65:17**

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.  
**MATTHEW 6:24**

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him.  
**MATTHEW 7:11**

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.  
**LUKE 12:33**

So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?  
**LUKE 16:11**

## WHEN YOUR HEART IS HEAVY

He is near to those who have a broken heart and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**PSALM 34:18-19**

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

**PSALM 37:4**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

**PSALM 118:17**

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

**PSALM 139:17-18**

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

**ISAIAH 54:10**

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So, they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

**JOHN 11:40-44**

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

**ISAIAH 49:16**

For this is what the Lord says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”

**ISAIAH 66:12-13**

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him.”

**LAMENTATIONS 3:21-24**

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

**MATTHEW 28:20**

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

**EPHESIANS 3:17-18**

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:7**

## **WHEN YOU FACE TRIALS**

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.  
**NEHEMIAH 8:10**

For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.  
**PSALM 30:5**

My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.  
**PSALM 42:3, 5**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.  
**PSALM 51:12**

Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.  
**PSALM 126:5**

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.  
**ROMANS 8:18**

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.  
**JAMES 1:2-3**

## **REASONS TO REJOICE**

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**PSALM 16:11**

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**PSALM 118:24**

For you shall go out with joy and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**ISAIAH 55:12**

Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**LUKE 15:10**

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

**JOHN 15:11**

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ROMANS 15:13**

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4**