

Why Christians Are Not Free

1. **BROKENNESS—**

Haven't come to the end of self and have confidence in their own resources and abilities. A good indication is when they say, "Tell me what to do!"

2. **UNFORGIVENESS—**

#1 way Satan robs us of our freedom- Most have unresolved anger. Forgiveness is God's only way to deal with it. Unforgiveness = bondage .

3. **DO NOT ACCEPT THEMSELVES JUST THE WAY THEY ARE—**

Need to realize that God accepts them just the way they are and forgive themselves and accept themselves.

4. **TRYING TO GET FEELINGS TO LINE UP WITH THE TRUTH—**

Which will never happen because freedom is experienced when we live by faith in the truth, regardless of our feelings.

5. **FAIL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FLESH AND THE REAL YOU—**

The flesh constantly wars against the Spirit; but that is NOT who we are- we are not addicts, perfectionists, anorexics, bulimics, gamblers, workaholics, co-dependents, etc.

6. **AN INADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF GRACE—**

Don't know they are dead to the law and everything is permissible and are still trying to perform and measure up to get their acceptance and worth.

7. **WRONG CONCEPT OF GOD—**

Don't know that God accepts them as they are and has not changed as a result of their sin and failure.

8. **NEVER APPROPRIATED THEIR TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST—**

It is just information to them and/or are still holding on to a false identity in the flesh. We always act consistently with how we perceive ourselves.

9. **HAVE NOT LEARNED TO RESIST SATAN—**

Do not understand spiritual warfare and that Satan was defeated at the cross and we have authority over him and the demonic.

10. **HAVE NOT LEARNED TO DISCIPLINE THEIR MINDS—**

No consistent victory unless we take every thought captive and renew our minds by thinking on what is true, noble, pure, right, lovely, admirable, excellent, or praiseworthy, etc.

**“Christ having made us gloriously free—
Stand fast and do not again be hampered
with the yoke of slavery.”**

(Gal. 5:1, Weymouth)