

STAND FAST IN YOUR FREEDOM!

***"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by any yoke of slavery."** Galatians 5:1*

***"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."** Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)*

I. Introduction

The Average Person thinks 70,000 thoughts per day and has 6,200 chains of thoughts!

- Tormenting Thoughts
- Lying Thoughts
- Tempting Thoughts
- Confusing Thoughts
- Regret-filled Thoughts
- Condemning Thoughts
- Encouraging Thoughts
- Holy Spirit-inspired Thoughts

II. Embracing the 5 Principles That Can Keep You Free

1. Jesus set you free so that you can _____

*"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. For the weapons that we fight with **are not the weapons of this world.** On the contrary, **the weapons we possess have divine power** to demolish strongholds. We cast down and demolish arguments, vain speculations and every pretension that **sets itself up against the true knowledge of God**, and **we take captive every thought** in order to make it obedient to Christ." II Corinthians 10:3-5*

2. Living in true freedom begins with _____

*"For **as he (a person) thinketh in his heart, so is he**: eat and drink, says he to thee; but his heart is not with thee." Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)*

*"I beg you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (your spiritual service of worship). And **do not be conformed** to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)*

3. You must connect to the _____

*"Therefore if the Son makes you free, **you shall be free indeed.**" John 8:36 (NKJV)*

If young people connect with the "Correct Yoke" at an early age, they'll be free all their days!

*"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*

4. Understand that your "yoke" doesn't _____!

*"You **must** love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

"And **these words must be in your heart. You must teach them diligently** to your children, and **must** talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You **must** bind them as a sign on your hand, and they will act as frontlets between your eyes. You **must** write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:5-9

"(The Lord said to Eli) "Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? **Why do you honor your sons more than you honor Me?**...Then the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family--from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and **he failed to restrain them.**" I Samuel 2:29 & 3:11-14

"What walks in the fathers, runs in the children" Author Unknown

5. Understand that putting on Jesus' yoke is _____

"...And another also said to Jesus, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "**No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the (purposes of) the kingdom of God.**" Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

"Then Jesus said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily, and follow Me.** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul..." Luke 9:23-26

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. "**Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.** For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' **He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take up his cross daily and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.**" Matthew 10:32-39

You must decide to live out the fullness of your freedom in Christ every day!

ANSWER KEY:

1. LIVE FREE
2. HOW AND WHAT YOU THINK
3. CORRECT YOKE
4. JUST AFFECT YOU
5. A LIFELONG PROCESS