

Learning to Live Like Free People

Galatians 5:1-14

Trust in the Lord...Lean not on your own understanding

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- My understanding is too often led by:
 - Emotion
 - Limited facts
 - The opinions of others that sound right in the moment
- As a result, my understanding is:
 - Fickle
 - Ever-changing
 - Often mistaken



My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end. Ecclesiasticus 2:1-3 (KJVA)



- The importance of the Word of God
 - II Timothy 3:16-17
 - Ephesians 6:17
 - Matthew 4:1-11
 - John 8:32
- Even when we are well-equipped, we are still dependent on God for the victory
 - Romans 8:31
 - Colossians 2:14-15
 - Luke 11:22-23
 - John 10:28

Let God demolish the old strong holds

• II Corinthians 10:1-6

(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of **strong holds**;) G3794

- From ὀχύρωμα, ochurōma
- Thayer Definition:
 - 1) a castle, stronghold, fortress, fastness
 - 2) anything on which one relies
 - 2a) of the arguments and reasonings by which a disputant endeavors to fortify his opinion and defend it against his opponent
- We all had well-rehearsed arguments when confronted about our behavior in the past
- Give them up

Put God first in your life...

- Spend time with Him every day
- Pray continuously through the day
- Seek Him all week long not just on Sunday
- Allow Him to bring correction
- Listen to Him in all things
- Look to His word for direction

