



The Royal Rules of Freedom

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During the Power for Abundant Living class, and for some time after you got the knowledge of God's Word in that class, you felt like you were supercharged with God Himself. At that time—during that class and afterward—the old timidities were conquered, and the lifelong habits of imposing condemnation and limitations upon yourself were banished from your life. You were motivated with a great inner desire to endeavor to change other people's lives from the faulty pattern by which they were living. And your desire was for God to work in their lives as He had in yours and for His will to prevail in their lives. God was the divine process in your life but not the dictator of that process. You now had a new sense of time, and that was the sense of "eternity" which made it possible for you to plant God's Word according to its light and leave the rest in your life up to God. You had a new joy in your heart for the new life you had gained, and you knew that it was yours at a great cost to God.

Then, sometime later, the light of this initial enthusiasm and transport that had changed your life started to a great extent to fade out of your day-by-day working. But a vivid memory remained of what you had touched and been touched by in the class, and you realized that what you had been taught and touched by was real. You have said, "Why did I lose that great enthusiasm and passion for life and living and the Word of God and people?" And your heart has been asking for the key that would help you to establish contact once more and recapture in a more permanent way the experience of certainty you had felt.

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I Peter 5:10:

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

This verse holds the unfailing technique for attaining union with the life and mind of Christ. Realizing this truth, you will no longer be in doubt concerning the path that leads to a true release from the bondages of limitation and doubt, but you will come to the realization of one of the great fruit of the spirit, joy.

"The God of all grace." Other gods will let you down, but the true God, the God of all grace, will not fail you, and the spark in your life will not go out. The radiance will not fade, and you won't be jumping from one thing to another. It is not law that you need, but mercy you need—a God of love, a God of grace, a God of understanding, a God of forgiveness.

"By Christ Jesus" [this should read "by Jesus Christ"]. You have to make Jesus Christ the center and work from him outward. He is the door. By him you can enter in and not only be saved, but go in and out and find pasture. That's having total freedom and having the abundance-of-life pasture instead of the dry stubble of your previously restricted mortal life.

"After that ye have suffered." You

suffered religion's bargain basements before you came into the experience of Power for Abundant Living. You suffered enough defeats with substitute religions, and PFAL cut the tangled knots of compromise which you could not untie.

"Make you perfect." Yes, in conduct and behavior, in the personality, the character of Christian love, in the conduct and behavior of your life. Above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness (Colossians 3:14).

At those moments when you are active in love, you are perfect. Walk in love (Ephesians 5:2). In this manner you can be in union with the God of all grace, for "he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God" (I John 4:16).

"Stablish, strengthen, settle you." These three, but the greatest of these is settle. To be settled is to be established in the faith, strengthened in the works of believing; thus you can be settled in the grace of His love which is the final test of release and salvation. For I Peter 4:8 says that above all things you are to have fervent love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins.

These are the royal rules to freedom. Here is the technique you have been looking for, the blueprint for your life. Just three bare, plain rules, but they are the charger and the guiding light for you as you go through life.

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