**DISCIPLINE EQUALS FREEDOM**

**Reading: Romans 5:8**

***But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***

**Spiritual Discipline #1: Meditate on god’s Word**

***(Jeremiah 15:16)*** Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

***(Psalms 1:1-2)*1**Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **2**But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+1%3A1-2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-13942b)]meditates day and night.

**Spiritual Discipline #2: Giving Thanks**

***(1 Thessalonians 5:18)*** 18in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

***(Romans 8:28)*** 28And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

***(Psalms 100:4)*** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

**spiritual discipline #3: Prayer**

***(1 Thessalonians 5:17)*** **17**pray without ceasing,

***(Romans 12:12)*** **12**rejoicing in hope, patient[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+12%3A12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28258a)] in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

***(Philippians 4:6)*** **6**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

**Spiritual discipline #4: Giving**

***(1 Corinthians 16:2)*** **2**On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

***(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*** **6**But this *I say:* He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7***So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. **8**And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things,* may have an abundance for every good work.

***(Luke 6:38)*** **38**Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

**SPiritual Discipline #5: Serving**

***(John 13:14-15)*** 14If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

***(Mark 10:43-44)*** **43**Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. **44**And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

***(1 Peter 4:10)*** **10**As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

**FREEDOM IN HEAVEN**

***(Revelations 21:4)*** **4**And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

***(Revelations 21:24)*** **24**And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

***(Revelation 7:16-17)*** **16**They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; **17**for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.