

December 25

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I realize that my life should be characterized by freedom rather than bondage? What keeps me from experiencing freedom in Christ? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that is free from the penalty and power of sin? Is my life free from entanglements that hinder me in my pursuit of following Christ?

1 **God's Spirit is characterized by being free** — *Psalm 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

In what ways has the Lord set me free?

For what do I praise God and by means of that praise receive freedom and joy?

2 **I am set free from the power of sin** — *John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

In what ways does my life still exhibit bondage to the power of sin?

Why does Satan want me to think that I am in bondage to my sin?

3 **I am to avoid entanglements that will prevent me from following Christ** — *1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*

What things in my life work to hinder me from following Christ?

What steps can I take to free myself from any entanglements?

Holy Spirit, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Revelation 16

Evening: Zephaniah 1, 2, 3