

## Deliverance is the Doorway, Not the Destination

### The Enemy Has Strategies to Get to You

“Be prepared as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser.”

**Question:** What are your strategies against him?

### Greek Root Word for “Schemes” — *Methodeia* (μεθοδεῖα)

**Transliteration:** methodeia

**Root:** From meta (after, beyond) + hodos (way, journey, road)

**Literal meaning:** “A following after,” “a methodical plan,” “crafty strategy,” or “systematic deceit.”

### Fight Against the Evil Strategies

#### What strategies will the enemy use to get to you?

- Deception
- Distraction
- Discouragement
- Destruction

*“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10 (NLT)*

But the scripture doesn’t end there — it continues with His purpose for you:

### How to Stand Against the Enemy’s Strategies

#### 1. Stand Your Ground Against the Devil’s Schemes

Knowing His Word — Speak It, Don’t Just Know It

*Matthew 4:4 (NIV) “Jesus answered, ‘It is written...’”*

Jesus defeated every satanic strategy by declaring Scripture aloud. The Word is your sword — it only cuts when it’s spoken.

**How to Apply:** When fear, temptation, or confusion comes, say out loud:

*“It is written, no weapon formed against me shall prosper.” (Isaiah 54:17)*

#### 2. Know Your Authority

You are a child of the Most High God. As sons and daughters of God, you carry legal authority in the Spirit. The enemy may attack, but he has no right to stay.

**Scripture:** Luke 10:18–20. Galatians 4:6–7. Ephesians 6:10–14

#### 3. Put On the Garment of Praise

*Isaiah 61:3 (NIV) “To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”*

When you are praising the Lord, you trouble the devil more than he can trouble you.

#### 4. Be Alert and Attentive (Distraction)

An undisciplined life is vulnerable to demonic attack.

*2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*





1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) *"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."*

**Note:** Satan may harass you, but he cannot defeat you.

## 5. Stay Connected — Church & Life Group

Be involved. Get rooted. Have accountability. Seek mentorship. Serve.

We need to recognize that one of the most powerful influences in our lives is the people with whom we associate. This means we have to choose the kind of people we spend time with.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NKJV) *"Evil company corrupts good habits."*

## 6. Be Filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 (NLT) *"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

The infilling of the Holy Spirit is essential for victorious living. The Greek tense here means: "Be continuously filled."

## The Holy Spirit — The Keeper of Your Freedom

John 14:16–17 (NIV) *"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth."*

The Holy Spirit is not a feeling; He is a Person. He is your Helper, Advocate, Protector, Teacher, and Reminder. He doesn't just want to visit you — He wants to inhabit you.

He empowers your will. You can't fight spiritual battles in your own strength. He enables your yes to God and your no to sin.

Romans 8:26 (NLT) *"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness."*

## 7. The Importance of Speaking in Tongues

After deliverance, one of the most vital practices to maintain your freedom and spiritual strength is praying in the Spirit — speaking in tongues. It's not strange or optional; it's supernatural empowerment for daily victory.

### Why It Matters

- **Tongues build your inner man.**

"Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves." — 1 Corinthians 14:4

- **Tongues align you with God's perfect will.**

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness... the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." — Romans 8:26–27

- **Tongues keep you spiritually alert and filled.**

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." — Jude 1:20

- **Tongues bring rest and refreshing.**

"For with stammering lips and another tongue... This is the rest... this is the refreshing." — Isaiah 28:11–12

- **Tongues connect you to the power source.**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..." — Acts 1:8 "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues..." — Acts 2:4

The Holy Spirit fills you not just to feel His presence — but to function in His power.



### **Practical Benefits of Praying in Tongues**

- Keeps your mind quiet and your spirit active
- Strengthens faith and kills fear
- Sustains your deliverance and mental clarity
- Activates the gifts of the Spirit
- Makes intercession beyond what you can articulate
- Keeps your atmosphere saturated with His presence.