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Foundational Statement:

**Whatever You Did Right That Ushered In (Or Released)  
Your Blessings – Keep Doing It!!**

## I. Gain And Maintain.

- A. **Galatians 5:1** – Stand fast in the liberty you have received and don't be ensnared again in a yoke of bondage you have once put off.
  - 1. We see that we can lose what we have gained.
- B. Once you gain some ground, you must guard your ground.
  - 1. Just because you were successful in getting Satan to move out does not mean that he has evaporated.
- C. **Matthew 12:43-45** – When the evil spirit has been cast out, he comes back after a while to see if his place has been opened up to him again.
- D. **Luke 4:13** – The devil left Jesus to wait for a more opportune time.
  - 1. It appears the devil stood off to the side and actually watched for an opening or a time when Jesus might have His guard down.

## II. Guard What Belongs To You.

- A. **Proverbs 4:23** – Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it flows the issues of life.

1. The heart and mind are one and the same in this instance.
- B. We cannot always hire another guard; we must often guard things ourselves.
1. **II Corinthians 10:4-5** – Casting down imaginations and **every** high and lofty thing that exalts itself against the true knowledge of God, **we lead every thought** captive unto the obedience of Jesus Christ.
  2. This sounds like work to me!
- C. **Revelation 16:15** – Blessed is he who stays awake and guards his clothes.
1. “Put on” the various pieces of armor listed in **Ephesians: Chapter 6**.  
  
Guard your peace and your righteousness;  
don’t let Satan steal the Word from your heart.  
Continue to wield the two-edged sword.
  2. “Put on” the new man.
- D. **Philippians 4:6-7** – At all costs, guard your peace.
1. **Exodus 14:14** – Hold your peace.

**SATAN NEVER RELENTS IN TRYING TO STEAL OUR PEACE.**

- E. **Matthew 16:6** – Be on your guard against the leaven of the Pharisees.
1. They had been delivered from legalism (rules and regulations) into the liberty of being led by the Spirit – but the Pharisees kept trying to pull them back into old ways.
  2. Paul warned that “a little leaven” leavens the whole lump.

3. We must guard against compromise – little compromises can cause big problems.
- F. Guard against temptation of all kinds – and especially lust and adultery.
1. **Proverbs 5:3-8** – Avoid the very scenes of temptation.
  2. **Proverbs 6:23-32** – Don't destroy your life.
  3. Take drastic measures to prevent even temptation.
    - a. Don't car-pool with someone of the opposite sex if either one of you is married.
    - b. Don't get too familiar with anyone of the opposite sex if you are married or they are married.
    - c. Familiarity occurs when we get entangled in other people's problems or their private business.

### III. Keep Doing Whatever You Did Right That Ushered In Your Blessings.

- A. **Joshua 23:1-13** – Joshua warned the people to keep clinging to the Lord as they had done in the past; otherwise, they would lose their blessings.
- B. When you get out of trouble:
1. Don't stop praying.
  2. Don't stop obeying.
  3. Don't stop giving.
  4. Don't stop being broken before the Lord.
  5. Don't stop praising.
  6. Don't stop doing anything that you did right after the last time you got into trouble.

- C. **Deuteronomy: Chapter 8** – The Israelites were in the wilderness until they learned to do things right. God is now preparing to bring them into the Promised Land, but He is issuing a serious warning that they are not to forget where they came from.
1. Whatever they did right to get to where they were, they had to keep doing it – or they would lose their blessing.

#### IV. Hungry People Act Differently Than Those Who Are Full.

- A. **Ezekiel 16:49** (KJV) – *Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.*
1. Sodom was destroyed due to having too much. She was no longer hungry.
  2. She became selfish and was no longer reaching out to others in need.
- B. **Deuteronomy 32:4-20** – Israel grew fat and forgot God.
1. Israel was no longer hungry.
- C. **Proverbs 30:8-9** – . . . *give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny You . . . Or . . . be poor and steal . . .*
1. No wonder Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “Give us this day our **daily** bread.”
  2. No wonder He gave them manna one day at a time in the wilderness. It kept them dependent upon Him.
- D. **Revelation 3:17** (KJV) – *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked . . .*
1. Anyone who does not know they need God is definitely wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

## V. Beware That You Don't Forget God!

- A. **Deuteronomy 4:9** – Don't forget the things that God has done for you and teach them to your children and grandchildren.
- B. **Jeremiah 3:21** – Ends in bitter tears
- C. **Psalms 9:17** (KJV) – *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*
1. America as a nation has forgotten God.
  2. She has forgotten her godly foundation.
  3. Today's generation knows practically nothing about America's providential history (how God moved miraculously to build and preserve this nation time and time again).
  4. The walls of our government buildings are lined with Scripture references; our money says, "In God We Trust." Congress begins each session with prayer, and yet this same government took prayer out of the schools almost forty years ago. There has been a steady, rapid, downhill decline of morality in America ever since.
  5. In buildings covered with Scripture references, our government officials pass laws making things legal that God condemns in His Word.
- D. **Numbers 15:38-41** – Fringes and tassels are worn to cause remembrance.
1. Do whatever you have to do – but don't forget God.
- E. Bringing a tithe of all your increase and offerings is proof that we have not forgotten the Lord of the harvest.
1. The offering is not a break in the service, and not an intermission – it is a powerful act of faith. It is a time to say, "God, I know my harvest is because of You; and I don't want to forget You."

2. It is also a time of seed sowing for future harvests.

## VI. Closing Thought

- A. If God has blessed you with a successful ministry, don't stop doing whatever you did to get it.
  1. For example:
    - a. I arranged my schedule for years to get anywhere from one to four hours a day with the Lord. Now that I am successful, I will get into trouble if I get too busy and FORGET to do that.
    - b. When we started giving a percentage of our ministry's income away, it was at a time when our bills were much less – we struggled more then than we do now. Giving brought us radical prosperity. We would be foolish to stop giving!
    - c. We have been very strict about excellence, integrity, and keeping strife out of our ministry. If we don't continue to do so, we are in danger of going back to where we came from.
    - d. Etc., etc.



