HC-CBLB TEACHING - KEEPING GATEWAYS OPEN

1. **Keep short accounts:**
   - Do not wait for a day or week to go by without applying the blood and going through the process of repentance. When the conscience picks up an area of sin, deal with it as soon as possible. This is very important to keep the gates clear. As you learn to fight and take possession of the gates, you will find that sin has no hold on you.

2. **Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit:**
   - Be alert to the feeling that the Holy Spirit is working. This usually starts with conviction. If condemnation comes in, it may indicate that something has been missed. We must make a conscious choice to yield ourselves to God the Father, to correct us and chastise us. Once a habit of response is formed, it becomes an easier task to actually respond.
   - Luke 11:17 “A house divided cannot stand.” We are referred to as a temple, a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. It is of the utmost importance to get as many of the faculties of my spirit, soul, and body to function together while I pray.
   - Ephesians 6:12 One of the first keys we must recognize in our role and responsibility to exercise authority and rule, is in the gates of our lives. It is our role to exercise and release the kingdom of God from the gates that are in our lives. We do not wrestle with our flesh, we wrestle with spirit beings who hold our flesh to them and use it to fulfill their purpose; yet, so many of us fight with it.

3. **We are a gate!**
   - Psalm 24:9-10 (NIV) Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

   *Simple steps for possession of all the gates of the body, soul, and spirit:*
   - Lay hold of the gates by faith as your inheritance, so that you exercise your God given right to exercise dominion and authority in the gates of your lives.
   - Cast out any spirit that exercises its authority in those gates. A demon spirit will fly its flag over the gates of our soul and body and declare that it is lord and master if we give them the opportunity to establish themselves.
   - Begin to enforce the kingdom of God from the point of authority in the spirit, into the soul, and then into the body and then into the world.

   - God has given us the authority as sons to exercise dominion in these gates. He has given us authority to stand and exercise the Kingdom from these places. The battle is ours. God has already won it; we just have not caught up with Him yet. The day Jesus looked down and said "Father, it is finished," He gave us the victory to hold the authority over these gates.
The only reason that demons are in these gates is that we have allowed them to be there through lack of knowledge or understanding in how to pray and deal effectively with these issues.

Do not expect to take a nation until you have taken a city.
Do not expect to take the city unless you have taken your church.
Do not expect to take your church unless you have taken your family.
Do not expect to take your family unless you have taken your own gates.
It starts in you and develops outward, not from the outside in.

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