

How To Create A Commotion

Scripture: Acts 12:18

Introduction

When we dedicate ourselves to serve God with a whole heart, often Satan attacks us with the intent of destroying us.

However, God gives us the ability to create confusion in enemy ranks, and make a great commotion.

I. Live the kind of Christian life that attracts attention

Acts 12:2 NIV He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also.

- A. The Christians were visible
- B. The Christians were active
- C. The Christians were powerful
- D. The Christians were unpopular

II. Pray prayers of power without ceasing

Acts 12:5 KJV Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church of God for him.

- A. Satan will attack to destroy the Christian
- B. We fight Satan on a spiritual level

Ephesians 6:12, 18 NIV For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

- C. We pray continually, constantly, unceasingly

1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV Pray without ceasing.

III. Allow God to be your deliverer

Acts 12:7 NIV ...and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

- A. Don't fret about the situation

Psalm 37:1 NIV Do not fret because of evil men....

- B. Relax and let God work

Psalm 37:5 NIV Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this.

- C. Obey God when He begins to work

Acts 12:7-9 NIV Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.

- D. Experience God's deliverance through prayer and obedience