

What you can do
while you are in
jail or prison: By
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Many Christians end up in jail or prison because of wrongdoing or because of right doing. A Christian may end up in jail because of poor choices and bad decisions that they have made in their lives. A Christian may have abused drugs, or they may have committed a crime that led them to be imprisoned. Also, it is possible for a Christian to go to jail for sharing their faith and the gospel with others. In some countries, such as North Korea, sharing the gospel or your faith is banned, and it will put you in prison if you do. Even though there is freedom of speech in America, Christians can still get persecuted for their faith and end up in jail. In some countries, Christians get martyred or murdered for their faith in Christ.

1 Peter 4:13-16 says, "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let

him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”

There are many Christians who may avoid going to jail, but it may be the will of God for their lives. It is the will of God for us to suffer because Christ suffered for us. If we want to inherit eternal life, we will have to go through much tribulation for the sake of Christ. Suffering produces within us Christlike character and faith. We grow through what we go through. When we go through pain and suffering, it produces endurance and patience. Going through something painful may not always be easy or comfortable. But we can find joy in the midst of the pain, and we will reap eternal rewards and crowns in heaven for the suffering we have endured on earth.

James 1:2-4 says, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” James 1:12 says, “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall

receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

In this short ebook, I talk about what you can do when you are in prison and how you can get out of prison. One of the things that you can do when you are in prison is to be respectful of the guards and inmates in the prison. You do not want to say anything to them that will get you in even more trouble. You want to be careful with your words and what you say to others. Your words hold the power of life and death. Proverbs 18:21 says, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

Not everyone is going to like you or going to receive what you have to say. Some people may even curse you out for speaking the name of Jesus Christ. But just pray for those people that they may be saved and delivered. Be discerning as to who you open up to about Christ and the word of God. Ask God to show you who you should talk to and who you should not talk to. He will show you. He will give you discernment. Also, you want to submit yourself to the authority in your life unless it goes against the word of God.

In addition, while in jail or prison, you want to keep to yourself and not open up to people unless you are familiar with the people and the environment that you are in. You do not want to talk to everyone in there because not everyone deserves your attention. Some of the inmates may be struggling with certain demons and evil spirits, and they may need deliverance, freedom, and salvation. So, you can pray for them while you are alone in your space. You may want to open up to the right people that God leads you to open to. He will show you who He wants you to minister to and share the gospel with. He will show you who you can pray with and encourage.

Next, you will want to defend your space by protecting your surroundings and yourself from others in the prison who may be violent or dangerous. You may want to pray for protection over the prison and over yourself and the people there. You may want to protect your personal items in prison, so that others do not destroy or steal the items that are yours. You may want to watch over your space and pray for the blood of Jesus to cover you and your space as well as the jail cells.

Next, you want to avoid debt. You do not want to borrow anything from anyone, because then you will have to pay back what you have borrowed. You do not want to be indebted to anyone. When you do not pay back what others have given you, then you may be taking advantage of them. That can be your money, resources, food, necessities, etc. You want to make sure that if someone is giving to you, that you also give them back what they offered in return. We do know what to use people for, what they can offer us or do for us. This is a lesson that we can all learn from whether we are in prison or not.

You also want to stay out of drama. You do not want to get into fights or arguments. You do not want to cause division or strife among the inmates in the prison. Because that can lead you to get hurt even more, and then you may be holding onto bitterness and resentment. You may need to forgive those people in prison who did you wrong or who you have done wrong. You may need to let go of the hurt and pain that others may have caused you while you were in prison. Hebrews 12:14 says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Romans 12:16-21 says, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

You may want to try to keep peace, unity, and harmony with the people in the jail or prison unless God is leading you to speak up to share the gospel or your faith with them. You may need to use discernment as to who you open up and share the gospel with because not everyone is ready to receive the truth. But you can share the truth with those who have open ears and who are willing to listen. Matthew 7:6 says, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

You also do not want to disclose your charges or tell others about your charges. Because this can lead people to curse you or talk down on you. You only want to share your charges with those trusted individuals or

with God. You do not want to share anything with anyone that God does not want you to talk about because it could get ruined. The enemy wants to sabotage your blessings when you are about to get out of prison. We may need to ask God for wisdom and discernment on who to open up to and who to stay silent to. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

There are some things you can do while you are in prison that can help you to get out sooner or help you while you are in there. You can read books such as the Bible or devotionals to gain knowledge and understanding and to grow in your relationship with Christ. Some prisons have libraries or may allow you to use a computer for a certain amount of time. You can also consider joining support groups, Bible studies, and classes, or volunteer work that will help you to get involved in the community and meet new people. This could allow you to be released from prison.

In addition, you can stay active by exercising and walking when you go outside. There may be an area where prisoners can go outside and exercise. Also, you

may want to eat healthy or fast and pray while you are in prison. You may want to keep a positive attitude and mindset until your release date. You may want to keep an attitude of expectation because God can do anything at any moment of any time. He can release you early for your obedience to Him.

When you are in prison, you want to keep the door open to communication with your loved ones, and you also want your loved ones to deposit money in your account so that you can make purchases while you are in the prison. Also, you want to understand the rules of the prison for visitation of family and friends. Before you go into prison you want to do a check-up on dental issues or medical issues. You do not want to go into prison if you are pregnant or about to have a child unless it is in the prison where you end up having the child. Then, you might get the child taken away by protective services. Financially, you want to arrange for someone to make payments on your behalf if you have any bills that need to be paid. You also want a family member or friend to store your belongings in a safe place, or to sell them before you go into prison.

Isaiah 42:7 says, "To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."

Isaiah 61:1 says, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."