## Valley Victory Life Group Kingdom Dominion-The Battle for the Gates

Cultivate Good Relationships! "Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently." (Rom 14.1 MSG)

## Possessing the Gates

- 1. (Matthew 16:18-19 AMP) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it]. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.
- 2. (Genesis 22:15-18 AMP) The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time And said, I have sworn by Myself, says the Lord, that since you have done this and have not withheld [from Me] *or* begrudged [giving Me] your son, your only son, in blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies, And in your Seed [Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed *and*[by Him] bless themselves, because you have heard *and* obeyed My voice
- 3. (Luke 11:19-22 AMP) Now if I expel demons with the help of *and* by Beelzebub, with whose help *and* by whom do your sons drive them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I drive out the demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has [already] come upon you. When the strong man, fully armed, [from his courtyard] guards his own dwelling, his belongings are undisturbed [his property is at peace and is secure]. But when one stronger than he attacks him and conquers him, he robs him of his whole armor on which he had relied and divides up *and* distributes all his goods as plunder (spoil).
- 4. (Colossians 2:15 TPT) Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his!

Commented [BC1]: The gates refer to the legal, social, economic, military and governmental power of a kingdom. To possess the gates is to exercise the controlling influence, determining what is allowed in and what is kept out.

**Commented [BC2]:** Jesus has gained complete control over every gate in the universe. He has stripped His enemies of every power and He has claimed the power of all kingdoms (even death itself). All our enemy's authority have been overcome, their heavy doors, strong towers, and agrisons are demolished.

Commented [BC3]: Jesus began to display authority over demonic forces. He showed His ruling body the extent of His dominion. He is the STRONGMAN who has bound Satan and the dark ones from all ability to hinder your complete victory.

Commented [BC4]: This was Jesus' work in hell! He made a bold display with all our enemies there. This a glimpse of what happened between the cross and the resurrection. The church (ekklesia - governing body) must see ourselves as those who are meant to occupy the roles and assignments given to us in life for the Kingdom!

- 5. (Revelation 3:7 TPT) Write the following to the messenger of the congregation in Philadelphia, for these are the solemn words of the Holy One, the true one, who has David's key, who opens doors that none can shut and who closes doors that none can open:
- 6. (Psalm 24:7-10 TPT) So wake up, you living gateways! Lift up your heads, you doorways of eternity! Welcome the King of Glory, for he is about to come through you. You ask, "Who is this King of Glory?" Yahweh, armed and ready for battle, Yahweh, invincible in every way! So wake up, you living gateways, and rejoice. Fling wide, you eternal doors! Here he comes; the King of Glory is ready to come in. You ask, "Who is this King of Glory?" He is Yahweh, armed and ready for battle, the Mighty One, the invincible commander of heaven's hosts! Yes, he is the King of Glory!
- 7. (Matthew 6:9-10 TPT) Pray like this: Our Beloved Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is in heaven.

**Commented [BC5]:** David was intimate with God and had a relationship with The Father. This intimacy is our key to unlock all the assignments the has placed us in, and make a significant impact for the Kingdom in our culture. Engage in in the social/political process!

**Commented [BC6]:** You must engage society from a position of influence. *Whoever possesses the gates of the city determines what comes in and out of the city.* You must hold your kingdom assignment in the world and open it up to the goodness of God, and close it to the works of darkness.

**Commented [BC7]:** The Lord's prayer is more than a request. This is Jesus teaching us how to DECLARE heaven's purposes into our earthly roles/assignments. Your duty is to demand what is in heaven to be on the earth. **You are called to be a gatekeeper!**