

PART 4 Royal Prayer Guards

Teaching 4 of 5

Guard Your Territory — Stay Alert, Stand Strong, and Occupy the Victory

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Purpose

A Royal Prayer Guard is called to **draw near to God in prayer, remain spiritually alert, guard those within his or her God-given jurisdiction, and actively occupy the victory Christ has provided.**

Jesus is our supreme example. He did not merely pray for Himself; He prayed for His disciples, guarded them, and prayed for future believers. Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

1. We Are a Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2:9–10

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people...” RSV

The word **royal** communicates dignity and worth. As God's people, we have been brought near to Him through Christ.

A priest is one who **draws near to God**. Therefore, the Royal Prayer Guard learns to draw near to God through prayer and then faithfully guard the people and areas God has placed within his or her responsibility. Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

Key thought:

Our position as a royal priesthood gives us a responsibility to pray and guard.

2. Jesus Is Our Number-One Example

Jesus demonstrated what it means to function as a Royal Prayer Guard.

He:

- Prayed for Himself.
- Prayed for His disciples.
- Guarded His disciples.
- Prayed for future believers.
- Operated in His Father's authority.
- Took responsibility for those under His jurisdiction.

Jesus said:

“I have guarded them.” — John 17:12 RSV

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The question for us is:

What did Jesus do that we can learn to do?

3. A Royal Prayer Guard Must Be Spiritually Alert

Jesus told Peter:

Luke 22:31–32

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail...” RSV

Notice what Jesus did:

Jesus knew the enemy's plan.

Jesus was spiritually alert.

Jesus prayed for Peter before the crisis.

Jesus prayed specifically.

Jesus knew what Peter would need after his restoration.

Jesus did not wait until everything was falling apart before praying.

Royal Prayer Guard Principle:

Prayer is not merely a reaction to trouble; prayer is preparation before trouble arrives.

The teaching applies this alertness to our homes, children, grandchildren, businesses, churches, and other areas of responsibility. Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

4. Discernment Is Essential

E-2 — Discernment vs. Judgment

“The God-given ability to understand why things happen.” (IBLP)

1 Samuel 16:7

A Royal Prayer Guard needs discernment—not merely the ability to see **what** is happening, but the wisdom to understand **why** it is happening and respond appropriately. Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

Ask yourself:

Am I spiritually alert to what is happening around me?

5. Guard Those Under Your Jurisdiction

John 17 gives us a powerful picture of Jesus guarding those entrusted to Him.

“While I was with them, I kept them in thy name... I have guarded them...”
— John 17:12 RSV

Jesus accepted responsibility for those under His care.

This gives us a practical application:

- Husbands
- Fathers
- Mothers
- Single heads of homes
- Church leaders
- Business leaders
- Anyone with an area of responsibility

Royal Prayer Guard Principle:

If God has entrusted people or an area of responsibility to you, don't become passive about guarding it. [Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site](#)

6. Responsibility Is Part of Being a Royal Prayer Guard

R-3 — Responsibility vs. Unreliability

“Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me.” (IBLP)
— Romans 14:12

God expects us to take responsibility for the areas He has entrusted to us.

Prayer is not an excuse to become passive.

We pray—and we take responsibility.

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7. The Strong Man Must Guard His House

Jesus used a powerful illustration in **Luke 11:14–26**.

“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace...” RSV

The teaching identifies the “goods” as **property or possessions**.

The principle presented is:

If we desire our “goods” to be in peace, we must be:

- 1. Strong in the Lord.**
- 2. Fully armed with God's armor.**
- 3. Active in our guarding efforts.**

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The emphasis is not on human strength.

The strong man wins by trusting in the Lord's strength.

8. We Are Above the Enemy's Authority in Christ

Jesus said:

“He has no claim on Me.”
— John 14:30 AMP

The teaching then connects this with **Ephesians 1:20–21**, emphasizing that Christ is **far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion**. Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

Ephesians 2:5–6 adds that believers have been:

“raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” RSV

Therefore:

Our confidence is not in ourselves. Our confidence is in our position in Christ.

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9. The Greatest Challenge Is Maintaining the Victory

One of the strongest points in this teaching comes from Luke 11:24–26.

The teaching emphasizes that **casting out is not the difficult part—the difficult part is maintaining and occupying the area of victory.** Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

The illustration describes a house that has been:

- Swept
- Put in order
- But left empty

The danger is that the former occupant attempts to return.

Therefore:

Victory must be occupied.

It is not enough to experience freedom in an area and then become passive, unaware, or careless.

10. Don't Leave Your House Empty

Matthew 12:43–45 describes the house as **empty**, swept, and put in order.

The teaching notes the Greek concept behind “empty” and applies it to the need to remain engaged even during:

- Holidays
- Leisure time
- Vacations

Important principle:

Spiritual alertness does not take a vacation.

A Royal Prayer Guard must continue to occupy the territory God has entrusted to him or her.

11. The Enemy Wants Territory

The teaching identifies several objectives of the kingdom of darkness:

- To become strong against us.
- To remain armed.
- To guard its territory.
- To protect its destructive plans.
- To gain territory in areas of our lives.

It also emphasizes that we can sometimes give the enemy a **place, room, foothold, opportunity, license, or territory** through our own choices. Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

This brings us to a critical Scripture:

Ephesians 4:27

“and give no opportunity to the devil.” RSV

The teaching explains “opportunity/place” as **license**, with license meaning **permission**. Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

Royal Prayer Guard Principle:

Do not give the enemy permission to occupy what God has entrusted to you.

12. Guard the Walls

Picture the powerful contrasts between two conditions:

Broken-down walls — overgrown — no guards

versus

Safe — guarded — secure

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This provides us with a picture of what happens when we stop guarding.

A neglected area can become vulnerable.

A guarded area is actively maintained.

Ask:

What area of my life has God entrusted to me that I must guard more carefully?

13. Alertness vs. Unawareness

S-1 — Alertness vs. Unawareness

“Being aware of that which is taking place around me so that I can have the right responses to them.” (IBLP)

— Mark 14:38

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A Royal Prayer Guard cannot afford to become spiritually unaware.

The teaching warns that if we **fail to occupy** an area where we have experienced victory, we can jeopardize our efforts in that area.

Don't abandon the territory where God has given you victory.

14. Resist the Enemy

James 4:7

“Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” RSV

The teaching connects resistance with maintaining the territory.

Jesus also taught that:

“Satan must be bound before his demons are cast out.”

— Mark 3:27 TLB Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

The emphasis is therefore on **active spiritual resistance**, not passivity.

15. The One Within Us Is Greater

We recognize that the kingdom of darkness is stronger than we are in ourselves.

But Scripture gives us the answer:

1 John 4:4

“Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” RSV

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Therefore, the Royal Prayer Guard operates through:

The power of the Holy Spirit

The name of Jesus

The Word of God rightly divided

Faith

The strength and wisdom of the Lord

16. Take the Offensive

The teaching concludes that we are not merely called to sit defensively.

We are to trust God's strength and, **by faith, take the offensive against destructive plans.**
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Royal Prayer Guard:

Guard. Resist. Occupy. Advance.

17. This Responsibility Belongs to Us

The teaching brings everything back to our identity.

God is the One who said:

“you are... a royal priesthood.”
— 1 Peter 2:9

God brought us near through the blood of Christ.

God told us to follow Jesus.

Jesus demonstrated what it means to guard those under His jurisdiction.

Therefore, the teaching states:

“I believe that God has called every believer to be a Royal Prayer Guard.”

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THE ROYAL PRAYER GUARD'S RESPONSIBILITY

My Life

Guard what God has entrusted to me.

My Marriage

Pray, protect, and remain spiritually alert.

My Family

Stand in prayer for those under my jurisdiction.

My Church

Help protect and strengthen the biblical congregation.

My Business

Exercise godly responsibility over my sphere of influence.

My Personal Jurisdiction

Do not give the enemy a place, opportunity, license, or permission.

FINAL CHALLENGE

The teaching ends with a powerful question:

“Will the enemies in our life who were defeated at one time receive a substantial amount of resistance if they attempted to assail us or any area of our jurisdiction?” Royal Prayer Guards Part 4 site

That is the question every Royal Prayer Guard should answer.

Our Goal

Guard our areas of jurisdiction and keep them safe, clean, upright, and honorable.

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ROYAL PRAYER GUARD DECLARATION

**I am a Royal Prayer Guard.
I will draw near to God in prayer.
I will remain spiritually alert.
I will guard what God has entrusted to me.
I will not give the enemy a place.
I will stand strong in the Lord.
I will operate in the authority of Jesus' name.
I will resist the enemy.
I will occupy the victory God has given me.
And I will faithfully guard my God-given jurisdiction.**

Guard the Territory.

Maintain the Victory.
Occupy the Ground.

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