And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, Matthew 16:19.

Binding and loosing are both legal terms

Various definitions along with scriptural examples are:

- <u>Binding</u>: A binding contract; an obligation of any kind; the cover of a book; chains; imprisonment; captivity.
 (a), This woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has <u>bound</u>, these eighteen years, Luke 13:16;
 (b), the woman which has a husband is <u>bound</u> by the law to her husband, as long as he lives; Romans 7:2. And when they had <u>bound</u> Jesus, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate, Matthew 27:2. to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* <u>bound</u>; Isaiah 61:1. a place where the king's prisoners *were* <u>bound</u>: and Joseph was there in the prison, Genesis 39:20. Now, I go <u>bound</u> in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me, Acts 20:22. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the <u>bond</u> of perfectness, Colossians 3:14.
- Loosing: To remit; to absolve; free from obligation; Unengaged; not attached or enslaved.
 (a), And He said to her, Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity, Luke 13:12;
 (b), but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband, Romans 7:2. Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? , Revelation 5:2.

Binding & loosing is a kingdom key.

Recorded in Matthew Gospel account, verses 16:19 & 18:18, the first occurrence tells us it's a kingdom key, and the second is further application.

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven., Matthew 18:18.

Conclusion:

- Whatever is bound to you or security fastened to you, this can be both good or bad. For example the last two scriptures on binding tell us we can be bound in the spirit, as the Apostle Paul was, Acts 20:22, and we can bind love to us, the bond of perfectness, Colossians 3:14.
- Loosing: is to dissolve the obligation, contract or agreement of what was previously bound to you, whether it be sickness, poverty, depression or any unclean demonic spirit.

