

Freedom Can Be Dangerous

John 8:31–36 (NIV) — (31) To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **(32)** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **(33)** They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” **(34)** Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. **(35)** Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. **(36)** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

I) Where We Came From

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II) Freedom:

Romans 1:1 (NIV) — (1) Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—

Jude 1 (NIV) — (1) Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ:

Colossians 4:12 (NIV) — (12) Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

Deuteronomy 34:5 (NIV) — (5) And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said.

2 Peter 1:1 (NIV) — (1) Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

James 1:1 (NIV) — (1) James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

III) Slaves To A Lifestyle

2 Peter 2:19 (NIV) — (19) They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.

IV) Some Serve Nobody But Themselves!

Isaiah 61:1 (NIV) — (1) The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

Luke 4:18 (NIV) — (18) “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV) — (17) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

V) Some Put Themselves On A “Higher Plateau”

Titus 1:15 (NIV) — (15) To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

VI) Freedom Does Not Mean

VII) Freedom Becomes Dangerous When...

VIII) Maybe We Need To Replace The Word Right With Responsibility?

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NIV) — (23) “Everything is permissible”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible”—but not everything is constructive.