

BEING FREE

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Our inner character impacts and directs all of life.

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires... Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead but now you have new life.... Sin is no longer your master...you live (now) under the freedom of God's grace. — Romans 6:12-14

“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” — John 8:36

But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. — Galatians 3:22

I. CHOOSING TO BE FREE

A. A free character chooses positive change.

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from Him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God — truly righteous and holy (free).
— Ephesians 4:21-24

- We all have default settings we have to break free of.

B. A free character knows "why?"

- Lots of people want to tell you "how to change" but the Bible tells us "why" we need to change.

° Immediate good and eternal good

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves (takes away from our life). The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires.
— Galatians 5:16-17

So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. — Romans 5:21

C. A renewed character is the result of renewed thinking.

Do not copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. — Romans 12:2

- We need to visualize and rehearse our new life in Christ.

- ***“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked.***

“My rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!”

And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” — Mark 10:51-52

CONCLUSION: