

## **Words!** **Part 7: "Freedom!"**

**A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Proverbs 25.11**

T or F: "If the Son has set you free you are free indeed?"

"If the Son sets you free, in truth, you are free!" **John 8.36 (Then why aren't we?)**

**free-dom (frê'dem) noun**

1. The condition of being *free of restraints*. 2. Liberty of the person from *slavery, detention, or oppression*. 3. immunity from the *arbitrary exercise of authority*. 4. Exemption from an unpleasant or onerous condition: *freedom from want*. 5. The capacity to exercise choice; free will: *We have the freedom to do as we please*. 6. Ease or facility of movement. 7. Frankness or boldness; *lack of modesty or reserve!*

**All those definitions fuel the idea that I am "Free to do whatever I want with my life!"**

Are we free when we can't break a habit? Can't live without a certain pleasure? No rule over self-indulgence? Are we free when we can't control our thoughts? Can't stop thinking about our "love" or pain or anger? Can we claim freedom when what we say is contradicted by what we do because our lusts rule over us?

**"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free!" John 8.32 then... "If the Son sets you free you are indeed free! 8.36**

**Freedom!**

1. liberated, delivered, no longer a slave (as a class), unrestrained!
2. Free from fear! No longer chained in darkness! Not alone! Not easily taken!

**Is 54.14-17** "In righteousness you will be established. You will be far from oppression for you will not fear! And free from terror for it will not come near! Surely they will gather together but not by Me and whosoever gathers together against you will fail... no weapon formed against you will prosper for this is the inheritance of the servants of the Lord!

3. Free from self! Removing the fool I have for a king, w/all his bad decisions!
4. Free from sin! It has been defeated by Christ and I am no longer a slave to it!

**So we are free *from* something, not free *to do whatever we want*, but free *for* something!**

**Free from something!**

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus *has made me free from the law of sin and death*. **Romans 8.2**  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there is liberty*. **2C3.17** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, *and don't become entangled again with the yoke of bondage*. **Gal 5.1**

**Not free to do anything I please!**

Take heed *lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block* to them that are weak. **1Cor 8.9** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh*, but by love serve one another. **Gal 5.13** As free, and not using your liberty *for a cloak of maliciousness*, but as the servants of God. **1Pet2.16**

**Free to be something/someone!**

Being made free from sin, *you became the servants of righteousness*. **Rom6.18** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, *you have your fruit unto holiness (sanctification)*, and the end everlasting life. **Rom6.22** For though I be free from all men, *yet have I made myself servant unto all*, that I might gain the more (rich). **1Cor9.19**

**Free to be something/someone! (con't)**

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, *but YOU HAVE RECEIVED the (Holy) Spirit of adoption* whereby you now cry, Abba, Daddy, Father! **Rom8.15** But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues in it, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, *this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

**James 1.25**

***And now our liberty means we can do the will of Him who sent us and finish His work!***

**SWAIGTDWWIKN?**

**I am going to celebrate my freedom in Christ!** He has set me free and, in the truth, I am indeed free! *"Sin has no hold on me!"*

**I am not going to spitefully use my freedom in Christ!** *"I am free, but not from the law of love!"*

**I am going to use my freedom to become all I can in Christ!** *"Free from sin, self and seduction I have the grace to be all God planned for me!"*

**Free like Moses...** Free of the pleasures/tastes of 'Egypt,' called by God to serve His people!

**Like Israel...** Free from bondage, called to live for God and worship Him alone!

**Like Peter...** Freed up from the idle/idol pursuits of business... to establish His church!

**Like Paul...** Free of religion, called by God to inspire multitudes with his story/example!