



FREEDOM



Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Galatians 5:1

Freedom: 1. the quality or state of being free 2. liberation from slavery or restraint from the power of another. 3. the quality of being open, or answering with freedom. **FREEDOM** has a broad range of application from total absence of restraint to merely a sense of not being hampered or frustrated. ***freedom** without responsibility may degenerate into a license for abuse. [i.e.] freedom that allows or is used with irresponsibility brings disregard for standards of personal conduct, and true ethical behavior.

"We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Thomas Jefferson
Declaration of Independence
July 4, 1776

- 12 Ways to Live in Freedom -

1. Learn to forgive, and realize you have been forgiven. [Matt. 6:14-15 / John 2:12 / Col. 3:13]
2. Learn to have constructive conversation. [Matt. 8:15 / Eph. 4:25,31 / Prov. 18:21]
3. Learn to encourage one another. [Is. 50:4 / Rom. 1:12]
4. Learn the art of, not complaining [especially about the things you permit]. [Phil. 2:14-15]
5. Learn to keep your word, and be honest. [Col. 3:9 / Prov. 22:1]
6. Learn to be affectionate and kind. [1 Thess. 3:12 / Rom. 12:10]
7. Learn to live out "the golden rule". [Phil. 2:3 / Matt. 7:12 / Gal. 6:10]
8. Learn not to argue, or to feed an argumentative spirit. [2 Cor. 10:5 / Rom. 12:18]
9. Learn to resolve unresolved issues. [Eph. 4:26]
10. Learn all the facts before you come to a conclusion. [Acts 16:27]
11. Learn to build bridges not walls. [Prov. 3:27 / 1 Sam. 12:23 / Eph. 4:32]
12. Learn to concentrate on what truly matters. [Col. 3:3 / 1 Cor. 15:58 / James 4:14-17]

For freedom Christ has made us free, therefore stand fast. Christian freedom is not the removal of moral restraints, but the freedom to serve one another through love.