

When I Am Free

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” – Gal. 5:13

“Mom, the dog won’t come! I think she has run away again.”

Uggg...This was MY time. Why would I have to take care of the dog? I never wanted her any way! These were the stinky thoughts in the brain of a young lady at 9:30 one evening after spending the day doing the “have to’s.” She was enjoying her few minutes of “want to’s.” She didn’t want to be interrupted!

As she got off the couch, her daughter asked, “What is wrong?” She felt as though the Holy Spirit was asking her, what is wrong with you?

What was wrong with her was her.

Do you ever suffer from Me Syndrome? You know, that time of the day or the month when you feel that now is the time for me? I sure do; often in fact. If it doesn’t help or benefit me, I don’t want to do it! I guess that is why Galatians 5:13 jumped off the page when I read it recently.

“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love.” (NIV)

Ouch! That really hurt! Freedom is given so I can serve. Okay, Lord, so where do you want to free me so I can serve?

Here’s a short list to consider in all our lives:

When I am free from ambition, I am free to serve with a joyful heart.

When I am free from selfishness, I am free from irritation.

When I am free from jealousy, I am free to rejoice in the good of another.

When I am free from judgment, I am free to pray from a pure heart.

When I am free from expectation, I am free to enjoy whatever comes.

When I am freed from controlling others, I am free to see the miraculous.

When I am truly free, I will see God in my life.

That’s what I want to see – God working in my life. What is that going to take? It’s going to take tearing free from my own selfish thoughts and feelings. It’s going to take looking at things from God’s perspective. It’s going to take God’s help. In order to be free, I have to be **free of me**.

Do you want to be free too? Free to find total and utter completion in Jesus? What steps will you take this week to make that freedom a reality?

When I don’t get my “to do’ list done, I am irritated and frustrated. When I am tired and one more person needs me, I feel angry and annoyed. Only You can free me of me, Jesus. Jesus says, “I give you permission to do it!”

Remember, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” – Phil. 4:13.

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“Without Holiness No Man Shall See The Lord” –Hebrews 12:14

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“The Sin Which Easily Ensnares Us” -
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