

FREEDOM



# What Is Freedom?

- Jesus promised freedom

**John 8:32, 36 (p 1232)**

- Is anyone really free to do as they wish?

Freedom to live as we wish is an illusion; a myth; a lie! There is no absolute freedom

***A man's worst difficulties begin when he is able to do as he likes***  
***(Thomas Huxley)***





# The Prodigal Son

**Luke 15:11-24 (p 1204)**

- **I want to be FREE!!!**
  - ≈ Freedom from home life (v13)
  - ≈ Freedom to live as he chooses (v13)
  - ≈ Freedom to “wild living” – “reckless living” – “loose living”

**The more he got what he wanted the less he wanted what he got!**



# The Prodigal Son

**Luke 15:11-24 (p 1204)**

- I want to be FREE!!!
  - ≈ He spent all ... *had a good time (v14)*
  - ≈ His world changed ... *the world changed*
  - ≈ He began to be in want ... *the bill came due*

**The more he got what he wanted the less he wanted what he got!**



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**Luke 15:11-24 (p 1204)**

- **His relationship to God (v18)**

≈ *There are always masters and we serve them*

**Romans 6:16-23 (p 1299)**

***Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.***





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**Luke 15:11-24 (p 1204)**

- **What became of his FREEDOM?**
  - ≈ He was sent .... Not a choice (v15)
  - ≈ He was not having fun anymore; no friends
  - ≈ He was in misery (v16)
  - ≈ Lesson learned (vv17-20)

**When EXPERIENCE is the TEACHER  
the TEST comes FIRST and then  
the LESSON!**



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- The illusion of FREEDOM comes with the clanging sound of shackles.

*Romans 6:23 (p 1299)*

*Wages are death*

*Galatians 6:7-8 (p 1341)*

*Reaping happens*

*2 Corinthians 3:17 (p 1328)*

*True LIBERTY*




# Freedom In God's View

**For bodily exercise profits a little, but  
godliness is profitable for all things,  
having promise of the life that now is  
and of that which is to come.**

**1 Timothy 4:8 (p 1363)**







**AND NOW WHY ARE YOU WAITING?  
ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED, AND WASH  
AWAY YOUR SINS, CALLING ON THE  
NAME OF THE LORD.'**

**(ACTS 22:16)**