





# What Is Freedom?

Jesus promised freedom

John 8:32, 36

Is anyone 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**

**I want to be FREE!!!**

**Freedom from home life (v13)**

**Freedom to live as he chooses (v13)**



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



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**Luke 15:11-24**

Freedom to “wild living” – “reckless living” – “loose living” (v13)

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

He spent all ... *had a good time* (v14)

His world changed ... *the world changed*

He began to be in want ... *the bill came due*



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**Luke 15:11-24**

**His relationship to God (v18)**

*There are always masters and we serve them*

**Romans 6:16-23**

***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**

**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)*



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

*Romans 6:23*

*Galatians 6:7-8*

*2 Corinthians 3:17*

*Wages are death*

*Reaping happens*

*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*







**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)**