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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Pt. 1:14-16 *As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."* (NIV)

To live in freedom, we must live in the Holiness of God. *We must be connected to a Holy LORD.* After all, He is the only One Who is truly and completely holy. He is willing to stay with us, but we must reciprocate the same. The key to this holiness is the connection. We have to be 'plugged in' to the source of holiness. It is not something you could buy and put on. It is not something that 'rubs off' by being at church. It is not even a matter of being 'righteous.' It is only being connected to the Holy One Himself.

We must be consumed with a Holy love. There is only one that loves like that, and it is the LORD. So, we must abide in Him and His Spirit in us so that we can love like He loves. **2 Cor. 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* (NIV) The LORD wants to remodel His 'living room,' - our hearts. There is no room there for our selfish nature any longer.

Finally, *we must be committed to a holy life.* We are to be set apart for His special purposes. This is what brings Him the glory He deserves. It is not a choice but a command. I heard this statement one time and I think it rings true: *If people don't recognize a change in you, then there's probably not a change.* God deserves all the glory. He gets that when we walk in His holiness.

Dear LORD, help me to be wholly, holy. I want to be consumed with Your Holy love for people. I commit myself to You completely. In Jesus Name, Amen