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

1 Cor. 6:12 *“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. (NIV)*

Paul reminds the church at Corinth, and us as well, that we are not to use the freedom we have in Christ to do things that are not of Christ. Because we have been set free from the penalty of sin does not allow us to the perpetrate them. Instead, we are to live as everything we do is unto the LORD. This reminds us that it is never right to do wrong and it is never wrong to do right. We can claim that sin no longer has a hold on us, but we must not then give into it. Sin is never beneficial. Although it might bring a fleeting moment of pleasure, the lasting effects are detrimental to us and to our witness. Paul says that he will not let sin be his master. As Christians, we have only one Master, Jesus Christ our LORD. He is also stating that it is not a good representation to proclaim Jesus as LORD with our mouths, but follow our own desires with our actions.

There are no free passes in following Jesus. As He spoke to his followers in Mark chapter eight, He reminded them that anyone who would follow Him would have to deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Him. It would end up costing each of the disciples everything. Many people believe they can claim to be followers of Christ, but then live as they please. But to follow Jesus, there is a high price to pay. And it may literally cost you your life.

Dear LORD, help us to give our desires to You so that we can focus on Your desires for us. You are LORD and we are not. We make terrible gods. You alone are LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen