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# To Be Free Choose The Right Master

## Upside-Down

**Romans 6:14** Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. **15** Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! **16** Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. **17** Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. **18** Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. *(NLT)*

**Answer**

**_____ Slave**

**Serve** _____

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**Galatians 5:16** So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. **17** The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. *(NLT)*

**Romans 7:14** So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. **15** I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. **16** But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. **17** So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.
**18** And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. **19** I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. **20** But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. **21** I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. **22** I love God's law with all my heart. **23** But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. **24** Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? **25** Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin. *(NLT)*

**Serve** _____

**Option #1**

## _____ Your Master

**Two** _____

**Matthew 6:24** "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. " *(NLT)*

_____ **Issue**

**Genesis 4:3** When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. **4** Abel also brought a gift —the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, **5** but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. **6** "Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected? **7** You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master." *(NLT)*

**Romans 8:5** Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. **6** So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. **7** For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. **8** That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. *(NLT)*

_____ **Surrender**

**Romans 6:12** Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. **13** Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. *(NLT)*

**Option #2**

## _____ Yourself

**Different** _____

**2 Corinthians 9:19** Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. **20** When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. **21** When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. **22** When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. **23** I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. **24** Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! **25** All athletes are

disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. **26** So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. **27** I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. *(NLT)*

**Different** _____

**John 8:31** Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. **32** And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **33** "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free'?" **34** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. **35** A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. **36** So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. **37** Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill me because there's no room in your hearts for my message. **38** I am telling you what I saw when I was with my Father. But you are following the advice of your father." **39** "Our father is Abraham!" they declared. "No," Jesus replied, "for if you were really the children of Abraham, you would follow his example. **40** Instead, you are trying to kill me because I told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham never did such a thing. **41** No, you are imitating your real father." They replied, "We aren't illegitimate children! God himself is our true Father." **42** Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. **43** Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me! **44** For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. **45** So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me! **46** Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me? **47** Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God." **48** The people retorted, "You Samaritan devil! Didn't we say all along that you were possessed by a demon?" **49** "No," Jesus said, "I have no demon in me. For I honor my Father—and you dishonor me. **50** And though I have no wish to glorify myself, God is going to glorify me. He is the true judge. **51** I tell you the truth, anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!" **52** The people said, "Now we know you are possessed by a demon. Even Abraham and the prophets died, but you say, 'Anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!' **53** Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" **54** Jesus answered, "If I want glory for myself, it doesn't count. But it is my Father who will glorify me. You say, 'He is our God,' **55** but you don't even know him. I know him. If I said otherwise, I would be as great a liar as you! But I do know him and obey him. **56** Your father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to my coming. He saw it and was glad." **57** The people said, "You aren't even fifty years old. How can you say you have seen Abraham?" **58** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am! *[Exod 3:14]*" **59** At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple. *(NLT)*

**Option #3**

## _____ Obedience

**Expected** _____

**John 15:9** ""I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. **10** When you obey my commandments, you

remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. **11** I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! **12** This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. **13** There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. *(NLT)*

**New** _____

**John 15:14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. **16** You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. **17** This is my command: Love each other." *(NLT)*

**Galatians 3:28** There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. *(NLT)*

**Romans 8:12** Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. **13** For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." **16** For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. **17** And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. *(NLT)*