

Liberty

“Give me liberty or give me death.”
- Patrick Henry

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2 Corinthians 3:17, “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

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“Conscription, forcing men into the military, as a means to defend liberty makes no sense. Those who desire to preserve what they believe to be liberty take that liberty from some to preserve it for others. Those for whom they try to preserve it would not fight to keep it nor will they appreciate or understand the gift or the price of it.”
- Ron Paul

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James 2:12, “So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.”

James 1:25 – 26, “He who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it ... will be blessed in what he does.”

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“Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as a heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere. Destroy that spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own doors.”
- Abraham Lincoln

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“The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty.”
- Abraham Lincoln

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John 8:31 – 32, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:36, “If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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“The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground.”

- Thomas Jefferson

“The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.”

- Thomas Jefferson

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Hebrews 2:15, “Release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

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“If it were not for the basic honesty of the American people, this government would collapse in a month. We could not hire enough people to enforce our tax codes, if indeed there would be enough honest people to do it.”

- William Simon

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“Liberty does not work so well in practice as it does in speeches.”

- Will Rogers

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Galatians 5:13, “Do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh.”

1 Peter 2:16, “Not using liberty as a cloak for vice.”

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My liberty is about others:

- All things are lawful but...(1 Corinthians 6:12 – 20, 10:23 – 33) not all things are profitable or edifying.
- We are the Temple of the living God, therefore (2 Corinthians 6:16 – 7:1) clean this place up.

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My liberty is about others:

- Unrighteousness is not “fitting” (Romans 1:28, Galatians 5:1 – 14) Fitting? (John 17:20 – 23) “That the world may believe that Thou sent Me.” We advertise liberty, not license.
- Malice and wickedness spoil sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:8)

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My liberty is about others:

- Display the power of God (2 Corinthians 4:7) through liberty.
- Works of the flesh are contrary to the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16 – 25, Colossians 2:18 – 3:10)
- We are no longer slaves of sin (Romans 6:1 – 18, 8:13); stop acting like a slave.

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My liberty is about others:

- Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as He is pure (1 John 3:3)
- Failing to put off the old man grieves the Holy Spirit of God (Ephesians 4:30)
- Inconsistent behavior causes the name of God to be blasphemed (Romans 2:24, Isaiah 52:5, Ezekiel 36:22)

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“Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within the limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add, ‘within the limits of the law,’ because law is often but the tyrant’s will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual.”

- Thomas Jefferson

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1 Corinthians 10:29, “Why is my liberty judged by another’s conscience?”

Galatians 2:4, “...to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ.”

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2 Peter 2:19, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves."

Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast in the liberty by which Christ has made us free."

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"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."

- Thomas Jefferson

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Gifts are tools, not a grant, not a dowry:

- Gifts of enlightenment, partaking of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and the powers of the age to come (Hebrews 6:4 – 5) are tools for building hope (6:11).
- Salvation is a gift (Ephesians 2:8) – a tool to protect our thinking (Ephesians 5:17).
- Gift of righteousness by grace puts us in control (Romans 5:15 – 21)

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- Gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23) is freedom to do well.
- The gracious character of God in us is a gift (2 Corinthians 9:15) to enable sharing.
- Gift of service (1 Peter 4:10 – 11) with the ability which God supplies to glorify God.
- Gift of answered prayer (2 Corinthians 1:11) spreads thankfulness.

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Romans 6:18, "Having been set *free* from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

1 Corinthians 9:19, "Though I am *free* from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more."

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"Concentrated power has always been the enemy of liberty."

- Ronald Reagan

"I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it."

- Thomas Jefferson

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“It will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition he may abuse it.”
- George Washington

“Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”
- Ben Franklin

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Hebrews 13:7 “Volunteer to follow your hegemones, who have spoken the Word of God to you, *whose faith follow*, considering the outcome of their conduct.”

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