



Freedom.

*Free To
Serve God and Others
Galatians 5:1-15*

Kinda What A
Really Smart and
Spiritual Man Said
(Not Pastor Dennis)

Probably
Jonathan Edwards
or
John Owen

***“The condition of my being is
such that I cannot have
mastery over my own heart. It
is only as my heart is submitted
to Christ that I find freedom
from sin. Therefore, my choice
is not absolute freedom...but
freedom to choose who or what
I serve!”***

Galatians 5:1

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Romans 6:16-19

“Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

4
Decisions
That Lead
To
Spiritual
Freedom

Choose the Right Master

Make Right Choices

Choose To Stay On Course

Choose To Serve Others

A decorative yellow dashed line consisting of several short, curved segments, located in the bottom right corner of the slide.

Choose The Right Master

Gal 5:1

- Without Christ we are slaves to sin
- Some are slaves to self-imposed expectations
- Some are slaves to others' expectations
- Some are slaves to work, culture, the pursuit of wealth, power or influence.

Choice # 1: Choose To Serve Christ!

Galatians 5:1

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

***“...you are slaves to the one whom you obey...
so now offer them (parts of your body) in slavery to
righteousness leading to holiness.”***

Make The Right Choice: Christ Alone

Gal 5:2-9

- Do NOT accept any cheap substitute for Grace
- Do NOT sacrifice the power of the Spirit for the works of the flesh
- Do NOT believe any promise of righteousness other than through faith and faith alone.

Choice # 2: Choose Christ Alone!

God's Work In You

- **Justification:** Declared righteous

- **Sanctification:** Becoming righteous

"Christ will provide unlimited help to those who place their undivided trust in Him, but no help at all to those who bypass His saving work and think to become acceptable to God by any other means!"
F.F. Bruce

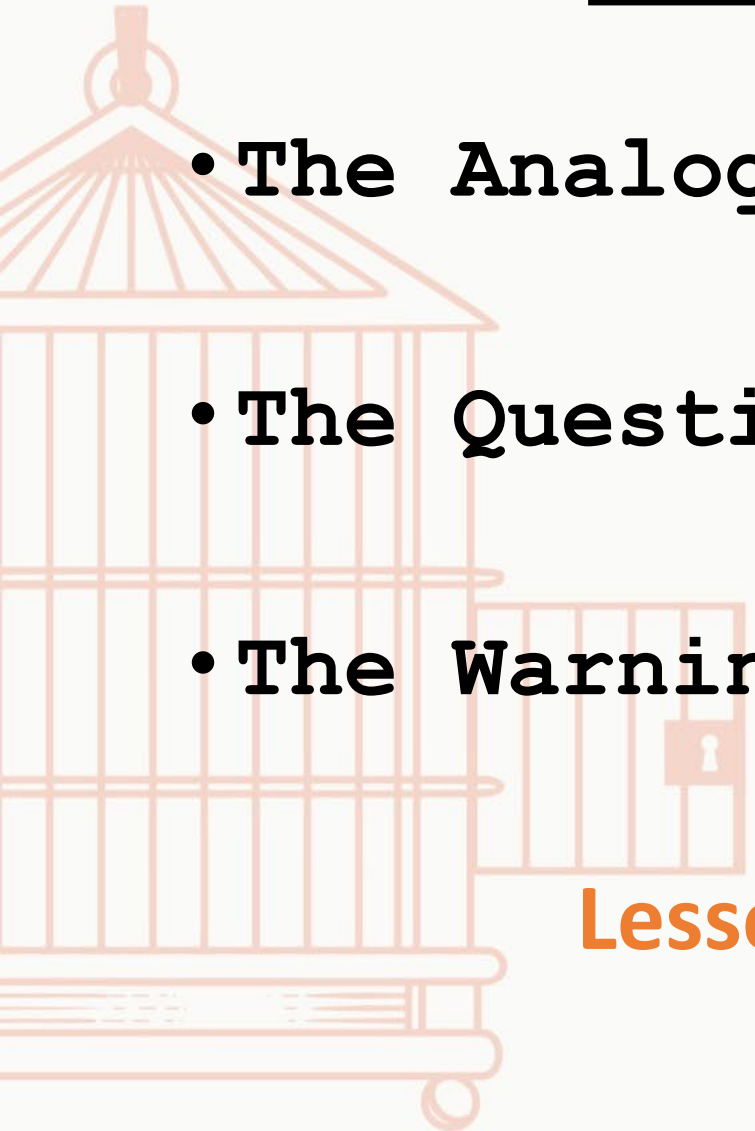
- **Glorification:** Made righteous!

Choose To Stay On Course

Gal 5:7-12

- The Analogy: Running a Race
- The Question: Who "cut you off"
- The Warning: It only takes a little!

Lesson # 3: Choose To Stay On Course



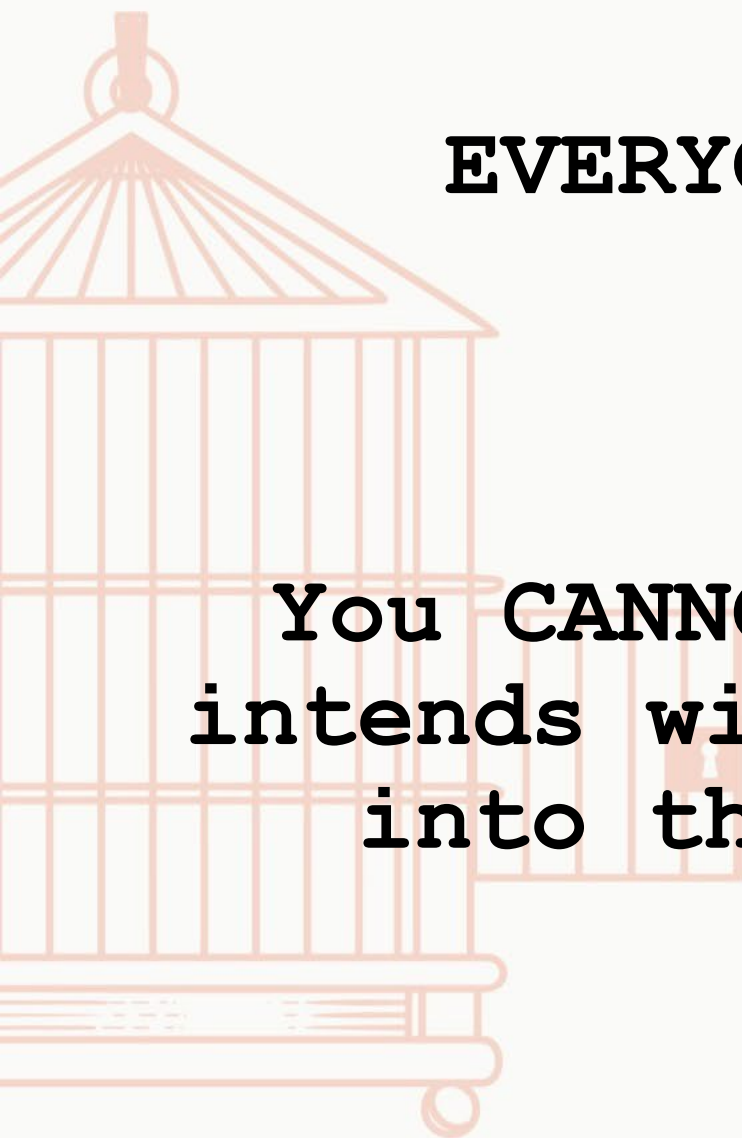
Choose To Serve God And Others

Gal 5:13-15

- Do not use your freedom to serve self (flesh)
- Do not use your freedom to criticize and critique others. (Judiazers)
- Use your freedom to be like Jesus.

Mt 20:28 *"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Lesson #4: Choose To Serve Christ and Others



No One Should Do EVERYTHING
EVERYONE Should Do Something!

TRUTH
You CANNOT Grow into the person God
intends without serving. God shapes us
into the image of Chrsit through
service.

**How Is
God
Working
In You
Today?**

Who Are YOU Serving?

Are you making the RIGHT choices?

Are you “on course?”

Are you serving God and others!