

FREE TO SERVE
Getting Right with God #10
August 10, 2025
Romans 6:14-23

Big Idea: Jesus frees you from sin to _____.

- **Grace does not _____ God's law. (v. 14-15)**
- **Grace _____ for righteousness. (Matt. 5:17-20)**
- **Everybody serves _____. (v. 16; Matt. 6:24)**
- **Freedom is _____ which master you serve. (v. 17-18)**
 - **We are born into _____.**
 - **Jesus gives us freedom to choose a new _____ and a new _____.**
- **Serving sin leads to _____ while serving righteousness leads to _____. (v. 19)**
 - **Lawlessness is _____.**
 - **Holiness is _____.**
- **The eventual fruit of serving sin is _____. (v. 20-21; Rev. 20:14-15)**
- **The fruit of serving God is _____ in this life and _____ in the end. (v. 22-23)**

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON SERVING SIN VS SERVING GOD

Monday: Read Matthew 6:19-34. Why does Jesus say a person can't have two masters? What consequences does He give for serving money (v. 19, 25-32)? Have you ever chased money and observed these consequences in your life? What benefits does Jesus give for serving God? Why do Christians still struggle with this? What will you do today to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?

Tuesday: Serving different masters yields different fruit (life outcomes). Read Galatians 5:16-25. What is the fruit of serving sin by indulging the flesh? How is it different from the fruit of serving God through the leadership of the Holy Spirit? Which list reflects your past life? Current life? What does Paul identify in v. 16 & 25 as the key to determining which fruit you get in life? Remember Jesus said you can't have two masters. Which master have you chosen? Talk to God about it now.

Wednesday: Read James 4:1-10. Instead of slavery what analogy does James use to describe our struggle with sin (v. 4)? What supernatural master is behind our "passions" and "friendship with the world" (v. 7)? How can a mere human like you resist a supernatural enemy? "Double-minded" in v. 8 means having divided allegiance, trying to serve two masters. What is the cure for it?

Thursday: Read 1 John 2:15-17. What masters does John list that compete with our devotion to God? What does John mean by "the desires/lust of the flesh and the desires/lust of the eyes and pride of/in possessions"? Is there anything there you need to confess? What is the ultimate motivation for serving God vs the things of the world? The best way not to love and serve the things of the world is to love and serve God. How are you serving Him? Be specific.

Friday: Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26. What kinds of behaviors and attitudes give evidence that someone is "the Lord's servant"? Does that encourage or challenge you? Both are helpful. How can your service to God help someone else escape slavery to the devil? Serving God doesn't just benefit you. It helps those around you who don't yet follow Jesus.