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**Romans 6:15-23: Offer Yourself as a Slave to
Rigtheousness
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You could be enslaved to greed, popularity, lust, leisure...
But the Lord has set us free.

*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.
(Galatians 5:1)*

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*But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you
have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has
now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and
have become slaves to righteousness. (Romans 6:17-18)*

We have been set-free by one who is gentle and lowly and is also the king of kings. And this king is the one we now serve. We have given up slavery that leads to death for serving our savior which leads to righteousness and eternal life.

KEEP IT UP!

Who is your master? Who are you obeying?

The second question answers the first.

The Only Way to be FREE is to offer yourselves to God

*Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
(John 8:34-36)*

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. (1 Peter 2:16)

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Those things that now cause us shame...

That which leads to holiness and eternal life.

Applications

1. Slave to Sin or Slave to Righteousness. There is no choice #3.
2. Choosing sin makes you a slave to it. It results in shame. It results in death.
3. Your loving Father wants to save you from that shame/death.
4. Offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness.

He will be Master. There is no such thing as taking Him in and not obeying. And so the requirement of the gospel which we call faith has in it quite as much of the element of obedience as of the element of trust... the presence of that element is just what makes the difference between a sham and a real faith..." Alexander Maclaren

5. This leads to blessings upon blessings!

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)