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God made us to be, doing what He \_\_\_\_\_ us to do, not simply  
what we \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Our freedoms should be informed and constrained by

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the promptings of the indwelling Holy Spirit

1. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ others

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beings, made in the image of God, to \_\_\_\_\_ right from  
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\_\_\_\_\_ being applied.

B. These moral standards

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- b.) Must be \_\_\_\_\_ against the influence of the  
culture we live in – 1 Cor 8:7
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obscures your sense of God, takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever  
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