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Romans 6:13-23 NRSV

No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

- Romans 6:13-23

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

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²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- Romans 6:16,19b

...let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision.

Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but obeying the commandments of God is everything. Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

- 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

*Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it.
Even if you can gain your freedom, make the most of it.*

²² For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave belonging to Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of humans. In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.

- 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

*“You cannot serve two masters. Either you will
hate the one and love the other,
or you will be devoted to one and despise the other.”*

- Matthew 6:24

When we let American philosophies of freedom bleed into our faith, we can hear Jesus's teaching in Matthew 7,

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged,"

and understand that to mean "I am not my brother's keeper,"
"let bygones be bygones," "or "you do you."

*“take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly
to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.”*

- Matthew 7:5

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The slave to righteousness
bears the fruit of the Spirit:

love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control.