



LIVING FREE

There are 2 ways to live:

1. Love

2. Fear

I John 4:18 – “There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.”

Truth: My identity, your identity is not the sum total of my or your actions; identity is the foundation of my life from which my action flow.

I AM RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST – THEREFORE I LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY

IDENTITY ALWAYS PRECEDES ACTIONS

Identity is made of 3 components:

1. Mind – represents all the thinking that a person has processed
2. Heart – contains all the experiences that a person has had
3. Revelation – place where the heart and mind have come into agreement to form a foundational belief system

Romans 12:2 – “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Psalms 27:13 – “I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”

Fundamental Principle #1 – You are Powerful

Judges 6: 1 - 16

John 8: 1 – 11

Romans 5:17 – “For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, **how much more** will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”

Titus 2: 11 – 14 “For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people, it teaches us to say “NO” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope

– the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE #2 – IF WE ARE POWERFUL THEN WE ARE SELF-CONTROLLED

Self-control – being the only one who determines my response in life

John 8: 34 – “Everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” **John 1:29**

Romans 6:12,14 – “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”

We have to value our freedom enough to choose self-control.
When we choose self-control, God’s grace empowers us to
maintain that choice.