

CULTURE CLASH

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Freedom or Constraint
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Freedom without constraint leads to a lack of freedom in the future. Yet we live in a culture that rails against any sort of constraint. Whenever someone's freedom clashes with yours, you should affirm biblical truth, while at the same time be loving and respectful toward those who oppose it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In our country today, what are some areas where people desire total freedom that can cause a culture clash with Christ-followers?
2. In your freedom as a Christian, are you using proper constraint in your relationships, spending and conduct? Is there an area in your life where you don't have much constraint or control?
3. One of the biggest areas our culture demands freedom without constraint is with sexuality. But as Christians, we're not free to do whatever we want. Read Colossians 3:5 and 1 Corinthians 6:18. How does obeying God's commandments help us live the lives God intended for us? What are the benefits of living by scripture vs. what the world says is okay?
4. Read Galatians 5:13 and 1 Peter 2:16. What do these verses say about freedom? How do people in today's society tend to abuse their freedom? How can we, as Christ-followers, affirm and live by biblical truth when everyone around us seems to be doing the opposite?

CHALLENGE

Think of your answer to question two. If you named an area where you need more constraint or control, ask a close friend or family member to check in with you on a regular basis to hold you accountable.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments.
Psalm 119:45