

## **The Pledge Pt 4 - Liberty**

### **Definition of *liberty***

The quality or state of being free, the power to do as one pleases.

### **2 Timothy 4:1-4**

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

<sup>3</sup>For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

**John Wesley said, “What one generation tolerates the next generation will embrace”.**

**They develop a crowd conscious instead of living according to Biblical truth.**

### **Matthew 7:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup>Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup>It is God’s will that you should be

authority of the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup> not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

### **1 John 3:6 NLT**

Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who He is.

### **Galatians 5:19-21 NLT**

<sup>19</sup> When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

**Question 1: Do you feel conviction followed by remorse when you sin?**

### **2 Corinthians 7:10**

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

**Question 2: Are you justifying or making excuses for your sin?**

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**Question 3: Are you making plans to sin in the future?**

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**Proverbs 6:16-18 NLT**

There are six things the Lord hates, no, seven things he detests: <sup>17</sup> haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, <sup>18</sup> a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong.

**Question 4: Are you presuming on the Grace of God when you sin.**

**Romans 6:1-8 NLT**

**6** Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup> Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? <sup>3</sup> Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? <sup>4</sup> For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. <sup>5</sup> Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup> For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

**Question 5: Are you encouraging others to join you in your sin?**

**Romans 1:32**

They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.