

Building Bridges

Gal. 5:1, 5-10, 13-14, Lev. 25:10

“Building the Bridge of Liberty for Our Nation

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Lev. 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and **proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof**: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

Upon the “Liberty Bell” is an inscription which includes Lev. 25:10:



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Liberty should be a most precious commodity to all Americans. Listen to what a few prominent people had to say about “Liberty”:

“They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

Benjamin Franklin

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“Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude.”

Alexis de Tocqueville

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“True liberty consists only in the power of doing what we ought to will, and in not being constrained to do what we ought not to will.”

Jonathan Edwards

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/j/jonathaned192674.html?src=t> liberty

It will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition he may abuse it.

George Washington

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/g/georgewash118082.html?src=t> liberty

It is easily and often overlooked that when Thomas Jefferson asserted that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were inalienable human rights, he did so on the ground that they had been endowed by God, our Creator.

Tom Stoppard

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Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

Patrick Henry

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/p/patrickhen101580.html?src=t_liberty

Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined.

Patrick Henry

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“When the people fear the government there is tyranny, when the government fears the people there is liberty.”

— Thomas Jefferson

<http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/tyranny>

I. THE DISCERNMENT OF LIBERTY

Gal. 5:1 **Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. ...

A. Be Vigilant in Protecting Liberty, Gal. 5:1 “**Stand fast therefore in the liberty...**”

Original Word: στήκω

Transliteration: stékó

Definition: I stand fast, stand firm, persevere.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4739.htm>

1 Cor. 16:13 Watch ye, **stand fast** in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

"It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. **The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance**; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt." -- John Philpot Curran: Speech upon the Right of Election, 1790. (Speeches. Dublin, 1808.) as quoted in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, NY, 1953, p167 and also in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, Boston, 1968, p479

"But you must remember, my fellow-citizens, that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and **that you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing**. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government." -- Andrew Jackson, Farewell Address, March 4, 1837

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." -- Edmund Burke

B. Be Victorious in Promoting Liberty – Gal. 5:1b

“...**the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”

What is the difference between liberty and freedom?

- Freedom implies a deliverance from bondage.

Jn. 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall **make you free**.

36 If the Son therefore **shall make you free**, ye shall be free indeed.

Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free from the law of sin and death.** ...

21 Because the creature itself also shall be **delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

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2 Cor. 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

- Liberty is the essence by which freedom is implemented, whether for good or for evil.

1 Cor. 8:9 But take heed lest by any means **this liberty of yours** become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

1 Pet. 2:16 As free, and **not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness**, but as the servants of God.

Rom. 6:18 Being then made **free from sin**, ye became the servants of righteousness. ...

22 But now being made **free from sin**, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Phil. 1:27 Only **let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ**: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye **stand fast** in one spirit, **with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**;

II. THE DIGNITY OF LIBERTY

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A. Liberty's Faith

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C. Liberty's Fight

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2 Pet. 2:19 While they promise them **liberty**, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

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A. The Compassion of Liberty – “...**by love serve one another.**”

- Liberty is the display of free will, functioning within the boundaries of the general rights of others.

B. The Consistency of Liberty

Jas. 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into **the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.**

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