

John 8:31-32, So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

2nd Corinthians 3:17, Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Galatians 5:1, For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

1st Corinthians 8:1b, This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.

1st Corinthians 8:4b, ...and that "there is no God but one."

1st Corinthians 8:7b, ...and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

1st Corinthians 8:9, But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

1st Corinthians 8:12, Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

Big Idea: Knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

1. Knowledge makes us proud of ourselves.

Psalm 10:4, In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

Proverbs 16:18, Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

2. Love makes us helpful to others.

John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8, ...but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Next Step: Which is more important to you...
Personal freedom or concern for a brother?**