



### WHY CAN'T I DO WHATEVER I WANT?

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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**#45 DO NATURAL LAWS AND NATURAL SYSTEMS COME FROM GOD ALSO?** Yes.

The laws of nature and natural systems are also part of God's creation. A Christian does not simply do "whatever he wants". He knows that he harms himself and damages his environment when he denies natural laws, and tries to be wiser than God.

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**#286 WHAT IS FREEDOM AND WHAT IS IT FOR?** Freedom is the God-given power to be able to act of one's own accord. God created us as free men so that we might decide wholeheartedly in favor of the good. The more we do what is good, the freer we become.

**#287 BUT DOESN'T "FREEDOM" CONSIST OF BEING ABLE TO CHOOSE EVIL AS WELL?** Evil does not make us happy but rather deprives us of what is truly good; it chains us to something futile and in the end destroys our freedom entirely.

**#290 HOW DOES GOD HELP US TO BE FREE MEN?** Christ wants us to be free. That is why he sends us the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us for a life of love and responsibility.

GOSPEL



ANSWERS

THE YOUNGER SON SAID TO HIS FATHER, 'FATHER, GIVE ME THE SHARE OF YOUR ESTATE THAT SHOULD COME TO ME.' SO THE FATHER DIVIDED THE PROPERTY BETWEEN THEM. THE YOUNGER SON COLLECTED ALL HIS BELONGINGS AND SET OFF TO A DISTANT COUNTRY WHERE HE SQUANDERED HIS INHERITANCE ON A LIFE OF DISSIPATION. WHEN HE HAD FREELY SPENT EVERYTHING, HE FOUND HIMSELF IN DIRE NEED.

LUKE 15: 11-32

### SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES



#### ST MARIA GORETTI

Maria Goretti shows that even when you are being held against your will or injured you can still be free to choose to do the right thing.

#### BIBLE & CAR STORY

This shows what happens when we do not listen and we let our passions get the best of us. Listening to other people, controlling our anger and being obedient will always make us more free.

### TEAM

### DISCUSSION

TALK ABOUT IT!

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE FACT THAT GOD MADE US FREE TO CHOOSE WHAT IS GOOD? AND THAT IN CHOOSING GOOD THINGS WE WILL BE HAPPY? DO YOU REALIZE THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT YOU WANT AND WHAT YOU NEED?