

Why So Many Americans Aren't Truly Free

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Text: 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Introduction:

Americans are rightly grateful for the heritage of freedom which has allowed our nation to prosper and attain global influence.

In recent days, however, we have been witnessing the dark side of our national values

*Freedom is effective as a means to an end,
but is destructive as an end unto itself.*

This passage reveals five great Pillars of Truth that lead to genuine prosperity!

1. The Holy Spirit makes the Lord's people _____ to render important _____ — a judgmental spirit and a decision are different things.
2. _____ will not inherit the kingdom of God--Satan's greatest deception is that we can SIN without _____!
3. There is both _____ and _____ in Jesus Christ — _____ can become _____.
4. A desire to express absolute _____ through the flesh inevitably leads to a condition of absolute physical, emotional, and spiritual _____.
5. Our bodies are _____ of the Holy Spirit and belong to _____!

American society is being destroyed by a relentless attack on these great pillars of truth.

These five great Pillars of Deception have gained widespread acceptance and led to a general poverty of mind, body, and spirit!

**No truth is absolute for all _____ and all _____
— the only absolute is that there are no absolutes.**

**Truth is relative to _____ and _____,
so there is no higher source of authority and truth than the
_____.**

**Since there is no truth other than the _____ of
individuals, all things are _____, so long as they
do not deprive another individual of his/her own absolute
_____ freedom.**

**Any activity which is _____ should be absolutely
free of _____ or _____.**

**What we choose to do with our bodies is an entirely _____
and _____ matter, although _____ has a
responsibility to relieve us of any negative consequences.**

Conclusion:

The consequences of a misplaced faith in personal freedom are multiplying. Christians need to lead America in redefining freedom, so that it can again become a means of attaining true prosperity of mind, body, and spirit!
