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## TAKEAWAYS

### 1. EXAMINE YOUR ATTITUDE ABOUT FREEDOM

If you haven't started a relationship with God, why not? Do you fear the loss of freedom that seems to be part of the Christian lifestyle? If you're a believer, do you struggle to live within the framework God has established? Do you wander away from it in an attempt to reclaim "freedom" you feel you've given up to follow Him? Do you sometimes resent God for the restrictions He's placed on our thoughts and actions?

### 2. BE HONEST ABOUT WHAT – OR WHO – YOU'RE SERVING

What do you spend your time and money and energy and passion on? Is it something that's in line with God's plan for your life? Something that advances His purpose here on Earth? Or are we pouring precious resources into things that will hurt us and the ones we love – or just things that won't ultimately matter? Let's examine ourselves and see who we're really serving.

### 3. DECIDE WHICH FUTURE YOU WANT, AND PURSUE IT

Really consider today's thought experiment: Picture the future you're likely to have if you wholeheartedly pursue God's plan and purpose for your life. Then imagine the one you'll have if you allow the earthly things that tempt you most to consume you. Decide which life you want and dedicate yourself to getting there.

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