

God asks: Are you free, meaning saved, from being your own god?

What does my not being free look like? Like this, in some areas I cannot deny myself:

Rom 7:19 **I don't do the good I want to do...I do the evil that I do not want to do.**

This isn't specifically referring to murder, robbery or rape. While they are included, for most of us it refers to: Anger, offence, un-forgiveness, envy, worry, lust, greed, gossip, pride, complaining, jealousy, revenge, lying, stealing, slander and all kinds of addictions.

Who are the people not free from at least some of these sins having control of their will?

1. Everyone not yet converted to Christ; they haven't begun to be saved from sin.
2. Those born again Christians who have not yet allowed God to reveal to them how He would free them, save them, from these sins having control of them. God calls them carnal, their will is controlled by their human nature, and not by God.

Throughout the Bible God offers complete freedom from everything controlling our will

Ps 119:11 **Your word I have hidden in my heart, so that I will not sin against You.**

Rom 6:17-18 **You were the servants of sin, but...Being then made free from sin...**

1 Jo 3:6 **Whoever lives in Christ does not sin** (a secret place few Christians know)

How are Christians who cannot consistently say no to self and yes to God, made free?

1. Agree with God that you are not yet free, not yet saved from your human, sin nature:

John 8:34 (Jesus) **...Whoever commits sin is a slave of (controlled by) sin.**

2. Return to God as your first love, and He will work in your heart the desire to be free:

Ps 37:4 **Delight yourself in the LORD, And He will give you the desires of your heart.** (A desire, like this Christian's:) Rom 7:24 **Oh, what a miserable (Christian) I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin?** NLT

3. Be willing to obey God in everything, and self in nothing, and He will Give you His Holy Spirit, who will guide you into the truth of His words and cause you to obey them.

Acts 5:32 **...The Holy Spirit God gives to those who (want to) obey Him.**

Ezek 36:27 **I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My words and you will keep My words and do them** (God's power does what we can't).

Freedom from the sin of self is this: Live in God's Spirit, believe His words and die to me

2 Cor 3:17 **...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty** (total freedom from sin).

John 8:31-32 **...If you continue in My word** (revealed to your spirit by My Spirit)...**you will** (believe and) **know the truth** (My words) and **the truth (in you) will make you free.**

Rom 6:6-7 (God speaks His words to my heart, for me to believe, like:) **We know that our sinful human nature was crucified with Christ...so that we would no longer serve sin. For the one who has died has been freed from sin** (a saved, a freed, Christian).