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# HOW TO BE THE CHURCH DURING A PANDEMIC



**Religious Liberty (The Christian Kind)**

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## 2 Timothy 3:1 - Apocalyptic Self-Indulgence

You should know this, Timothy, that in the **last days** there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money.



## 2 Timothy 3:2-5

They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.

They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.

Stay away from people like that!



## What we say?

Freedom

I love freedom.

You do you.

Follow your heart.

Find your truth.

## What it means?

Self-indulgence

I love myself.

I'll do whatever I want.

I'll do whatever I feel.

I'll decide what's true for me.



“If I get corona, I get corona. At the end of the day,  
I'm not gonna let it stop me from partying.”



# What Unites The Left and The Right?

The Belief "Freedom Will Save Us."

**From oppressive  
traditional authorities**

**From influence of religion  
in public life**

**From preexisting norms  
on the family unit, gender,  
sexuality, church, politics**

**For total cultural  
deconstruction**

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**From the  
Federal Government**

**In my First  
Ammendment rights**

**From government  
controlled markets**

**From social taxation  
of my money**



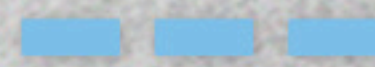
“To have any kind of livable society some choices have to be restricted, some authorities have to be respected, and some responsibility has to be assumed.”

- Charles Taylor



# Two Freedoms

Absolute Negative Freedom



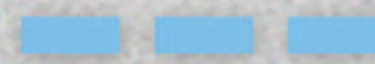
Positive Freedom

Freedom From  
All Restraints



Freedom To Pursue  
Some Good End

Our Culture



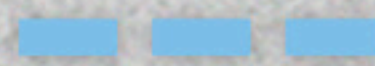
Christianity

Self-Autonomy  
Will Set You Free



Love Will  
Set You Free

Protecting My Freedoms  
Is The Key To Life



Sacrificing My Freedoms  
Is The Key To Life



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For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



Exercising religious liberty (the Christian kind)  
is less about the First Amendment  
and more about the Great Commandment.



Preserve Religious Liberty **OR** Preserve Public Safety



### Galatians 5:13-15

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.



The loss of nuance is a sure sign  
of the loss of love.



Save the Economy

OR

Flatten the Curve

"Let it run its course"

OR

"Relax and watch Netflix"



Church should reopen! **OR** Church should stay closed!



## Guidelines for Reopening Church

- 33% capacity
- Sanitize before every service
- No Children's Ministry/childcare
- 6ft. radius
- Masks for everyone
- No singing
- No communion
- No communal food
- No offering
- No physical touching
- Take temperature at door
- No high-risk populations
- New signage
- Provide hand-sanitizer
- Provide hand-washing stations
- Strict restroom sanitation



May 24th - Ordination Day  
May 31st - Watch Parties Launched  
Big Goal - 300 NE Campuses Launched!



## What do we need from you?

1. Stay positive.
2. Start planning.
3. Embrace the moment.
4. Unleash the love.