

THE **BIG** IDEA

Live free from sin and rules—through an active relationship with Jesus Christ.

Monday: *Isaiah 61:1*

Do you feel free? It's an honest question and probably the best place to start. Do you feel free? Jesus came to set us free, but often we feel like we've been released from one prison—sin—only to be caught in another one—the rules of religion. Ask Jesus today to help make His freedom a reality in your life and heart.

Tuesday: *Colossians 2:6-7;13-15*

Live in Him. Be rooted in Him. Build up in Him. That's our new focus. It's not about the rules, it's about building a stronger relationship with Jesus. Today, just spend time being with Jesus. What goals can you set for each day this week to strengthen your relationship with your Savior?

Wednesday: *Colossians 3:5-14*

Here's one of those passages that looks like a lot of rules and guidelines. Start re-training your brain right now! When you read parts of the Bible that look like this, look on them with different eyes. Think: these are not personal goals, not things I have to do myself. Instead, realize that this list includes all the things Jesus will do in you the more you open yourself up to Him and His Holy Spirit. When you allow the Holy Spirit to fill you fully—to sanctify your heart—you will begin to see these fruits bloom in your life.

Thursday: *1 Corinthians 10:23-24,31-11:1*

Everything is permissible—but not everything is beneficial. Those are powerful words for us! Sometimes our newfound freedom can lead us to stretch our wings. But we always need to remember that our driving force is love. Even though we have no rules on us, we want to watch out for others and not allow our actions to mess up their walk or confuse them in their growing relationship with Christ.

Friday: *Psalms 119:41-48*

Close out this week by praying this passage from Psalm 119. Commit your heart to the Holy Spirit for continual infilling. It doesn't stop today. This process of growing in holiness, in your relationship with Jesus, will last until you meet Him face to face.