

# Free to Be

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Vocation is a call from God to a basic life commitment—a commitment which will enable us to become the best person we can be. It is a call to holiness, to a share in God's life. Ultimately there is only one Christian vocation; it is the call to commit ourselves to the love of God through love of neighbor.

Because it is a call—not a demand—we are free to respond or not respond. But the personal consequences of not responding are worth considering. What kind of persons do we become when we refuse to love? Read the following Scripture excerpts and complete the sentences. (Number 1 has been completed as an example.)

1. Luke 6:37-38

In this selection Jesus calls us to be compassionate and not criticize or condemn others.

We don't have to do it.

We can choose instead to be very critical of others, judge them, and refuse to forgive them. If we consistently do that, by the end of our lives we'll probably be very lonely and have few people that trust us or care about us.

2. Matthew 6:24

In this selection Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_

We don't have to do it.

We can choose instead to \_\_\_\_\_

If we consistently do that, by the end of our lives we'll probably \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mark 9:33-37

in this selection Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_

We don't have to do it.

We can choose instead to \_\_\_\_\_

If we consistently do that, by the end of our lives we'll probably \_\_\_\_\_

4. Luke 12:4-6

In this selection Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_

We don't have to do it.

We can choose instead to \_\_\_\_\_

If we consistently do that, by the end of our lives we'll probably \_\_\_\_\_

5. Luke 6:27-31

In this selection Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_

We don't have to do it.

We can choose instead to \_\_\_\_\_

If we consistently do that, by the end of our lives we'll probably \_\_\_\_\_

6. 1 Ephesians 4:1-5

In this selection Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_

We don't have to do it.

We can choose instead to \_\_\_\_\_

If we consistently do that, by the end of our lives we'll probably \_\_\_\_\_

7. James 2:14-17

In this selection Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_

We don't have to do it.

We can choose instead to \_\_\_\_\_

If we consistently do that, by the end of our lives we'll probably \_\_\_\_\_