GOD HAS GIVE US BOTH: FREEDOM & INDEPENDENCE, WHICH ONE SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

What is the difference between freedom and independence?

Freedom: the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants.

Independence: freedom from outside control and not to be the subject to another's authority.

Now it is up to you to decide whether these two definitions are symmetrical or not.

Definition of symmetrical is: made up of exactly similar parts facing each other or around an axis; showing symmetry; "the shape of a hill, smooth and symmetrical"

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God has given His creation freedom, the power to act, speak and think as one wants and independence to have freedom from outside control and not to be the subject on ones authority.

Romans 8:5-6 (NASB)

⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

Don't forget you have freedom and independence to choose either the things of the flesh or the things of the Spirit.

2 Chronicles 26:1-5 (NASB)

¹ And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. ³ Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; ⁴ He did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

2 Chronicles 26:1-5 (NASB)

⁵ He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

Everything Uzziah touched prospered.

2 Chronicles 26:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

His overconfidence replaced his humility. Stills has freedom & independence.

Proverbs 16:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Proverbs 28:1 (NASB)

¹ The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Prides is so subtle that if we aren't careful we'll be proud of our humility, then our goodness becomes badness and virtues become vices.

Deuteronomy 8:11-12 (NASB)

11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,

Deuteronomy 8:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Matthew 7:24-27 (NASB)

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-27 (NASB)

26 "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."

John 15:5 (NASB)

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

2 Corinthians 12:10 (NASB)

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Proverbs 13:10 (NASB)

Through insolence comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel.

2 Chronicles 26:16 (NASB)

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Isaiah 6:1-3 (NASB)

¹ In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

Romans 12:2 (NASB)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

When Uzziah became prideful did he become less religious or more religious?

- He became more religious.
- Religion is based on works and what the person can do versus what God thru Christ has already done for us.

Isaiah 6:4-5 (NASB)

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

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NEITHER

God has given us freedom and independence but it is God's truth that sets us free and only when one is free based on the truth of God's Word can revival come and religion die!