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Maybe when we are Free, we have access to being our best for those in our care

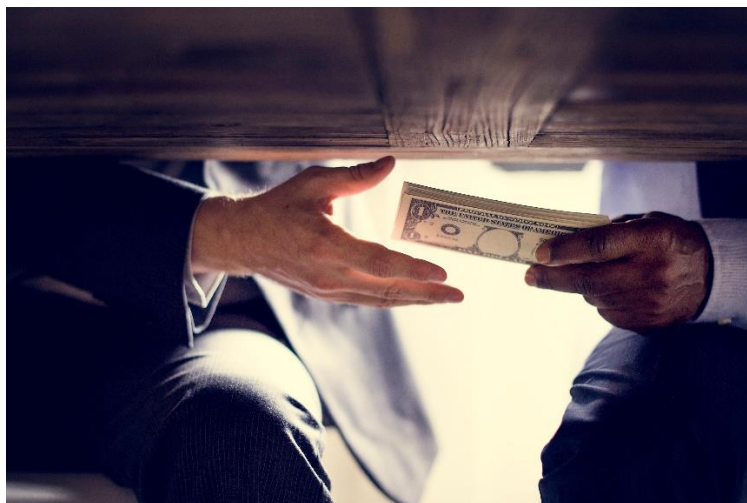
Let's be real, gents—life's not about chasing fame, fortune, or the next hot trend. It's about freedom and the ability to lead ourselves well along the way. And no, not the kind where you're running away from responsibilities on a beach (although that sounds nice). We're talking about owning your life, being in control, and waking up every day knowing you're the one calling the shots.

The Chase: Profile, Money, and the Fool's Gold

Let's face it, we've all been there. Whether it's that dream of a sold-out stadium with your name in lights, the power to make everyone else's decisions for them, or maybe the cash that makes you feel untouchable, we're all chasing something. Why? Because at some point, we didn't have enough of one—or any—of these things. So, we hustle. We grind. We watch one too many Instagram reels while sipping on coffee stronger than our willpower.

But here's the kicker: once you get there, you realize it's not all it's cracked up to be. The high fades faster than your motivation to hit the gym after a weekend binge. Why?

Because the dream was all wrong from the start.





What You Really Want (Hint: It's Not a Bloody Ferrari)

Here's the real talk: money, fame, and power are not your end goal. What you actually want is **freedom**. The kind where you own your time, your choices, and, yes, even your mistakes. It's the ability to wake up every morning and think, "I'm in charge here."

Think about it: As a kid, you threw tantrums just to get your way (hopefully you've toned it down by now). As a teen, you couldn't wait to move out because bills were some adult myth. Now, as a grown man, you're still chasing freedom—financially, mentally, and emotionally. And guess what? You can get there. But, it's going to take some elbow grease.

Not Lots of Money (But How You Use It)

Money is great, don't get me wrong. It's like a six-pack of beer—good for a while, but it doesn't solve everything. Having cash in the bank can give you options, but without the mindset and habits to use it properly, you're one poorly timed yacht purchase away from bankruptcy.

Here's your wake-up call:

- Depending on an employer for your paycheck? Not free.
- Living off the government? Still not free.
- Trust fund baby? You guessed it, not free either.

Self-reliance means being able to generate income no matter what life throws at you. Lose the job? You'll bounce back. Economy tanks? You've got skills to survive. Money without self-reliance is like a house of cards—looks impressive but will come crashing down.

Not Profile (Unless You're Prepared to Keep It)

Profile. Ah, sweet, fleeting fame. You spend years climbing the ladder to reach the top, only to realize the people who helped you get there now own a chunk of your spotlight. Managers, agents, fans—they all get a piece of the action.

When fame fades, the dependent are left scrambling. The self-reliant? They pivot. They know how to create value regardless of their follower count. Fame doesn't equal freedom. The ability to thrive without it does.

Not Power but Freedom

Power is like that first sip of whiskey—sweet, but it can go to your head. But if you're relying on others to give you that power, you're just borrowing it. True power is having

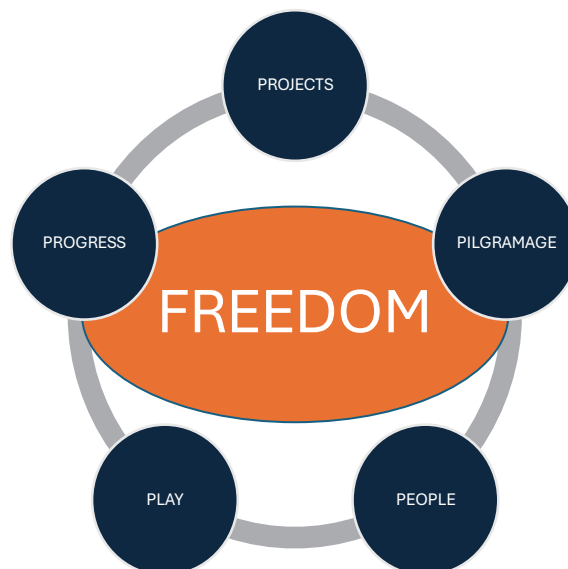


the freedom to decide your own destiny. If you need permission or support to do your thing, you're not in control. Power loves those who don't need it to feel important.

Freedom has a price: self-reliance. And it's not going to be handed to you on a silver platter. You won't find it in a course, a pill, or some TikTok hack. You'll find it in the sweat you put in every single day. Own your choices, your outcomes, and your future.

The 5 P's of Self-Leadership Freedom

Here's how to implement the 5 P's into your life and show the world you're operating on a whole new level.



1. Play

Freedom thrives in an environment of fun and creativity. Play isn't just for kids—it's essential for mental sharpness, stress relief, and keeping your sanity intact. When you make time for play, you become better at everything else.

Example: Join a weekend sports league or pick up a new hobby like photography.

Practical Step: Block out time each week for fun. Don't negotiate it away—your mind needs it.



2. Progress

Men need to grow. Whether it's learning a new skill, getting fit, or mastering something new, progress fuels freedom. Men who are constantly improving themselves report higher life satisfaction.

Example: Set a goal to run a half marathon or learn a new language in 6 months.

Practical Step: Break down the goal into small, manageable steps. Track your progress and celebrate every small win.





3. Projects

A man without a mission is a man lost at sea. Whether it's a business, a home project, or a side hustle, having something to focus on gives purpose and fulfillment. Research shows that men with active projects experience more daily happiness.

Example: Start a side hustle or tackle a DIY project (like turning your garage into a gym).

Practical Step: Set clear deadlines and prioritize tasks. Dedicate specific hours each week to make steady progress.



4. People

No man is an island, and true freedom comes from strong relationships. Having a solid network of people who support and challenge you can add years to your life.

Example: Surround yourself with like-minded men in a fitness group, mastermind, or business network.

Practical Step: Regularly connect with people who push you to grow. Schedule meet-ups or calls to stay accountable.



5. Pilgrimage

Freedom requires movement—mentally, emotionally, and physically. A pilgrimage can be a literal journey, but it can also be a time for reflection or stepping out of your comfort zone.

Example: Take a solo trip or spend a weekend doing a deep self-reflection retreat.

Practical Step: Plan regular getaways or quiet weekends for introspection. Disconnect from tech, journal, meditate, and reset your mind.



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By embracing these 5 P's, you'll lay the foundation for lasting freedom.

Sure, not everyone around you will get it at first. But as you consistently level up, they'll see the results. And that, my friend, is the ultimate way to live.

Gentlemen, **freedom isn't about doing whatever you want whenever you want. It's about becoming the man who doesn't need permission to live life on his own terms. That's true power, and it's earned through **self-leadership**.**



Stop chasing what the world tells you to want. Start building the mindset, skills, and self-leadership to claim your freedom. It won't be the easy road, but it'll be the only one that's worth it.

Now, go get after it. Your life's waiting.

By Matt Waldron





100 QUOTES ON SELF-RELIANCE

1. "Only he who is self-supporting is free, self-reliant, independent." – James Allen
2. "If you want a thing done well, do it yourself." – Napoleon Bonaparte
3. "You don't have to worry about burning bridges, if you're building your own." – Kerry E. Wagner
4. "The secret of fortune is joy in our hands. Welcome evermore to gods and men is the self-helping man. For him all doors are flung wide. Him all tongues greet, all honors crown, all eyes follow with desire. Our love goes out to him and embraces him because he did not need it." – Ralph Waldo Emerson
5. "The only tyrant I accept in this world is the still voice within." – Mahatma Gandhi
6. "The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm." – Self-Reliance Quote
7. "There is no dependence that can be sure but a dependence upon one's self." – John Gay
8. "It is easy to live for others, everybody does. I call on you to live for yourself." – Ralph Waldo Emerson
9. "Self-reliance is the only road to true freedom, and being one's own person is its ultimate reward." – Patricia Sampson
10. "The best lightning rod for your protection is your own spine." – Ralph Waldo Emerson
11. "Behind every successful woman is herself." – Anonymous
12. "The strongest man in the world is he who stands alone." – Henrik Ibsen
13. "Associate with the noblest people you can find; read the best books; live with the mighty. But learn to be happy alone. Rely upon your own energies, and so not wait for, or depend on other people." – Thomas Davidson
14. "If you think you can do it, or you think you can't do it, You are right." – Henry Ford
15. "Chance never helps those who do not help themselves." – Sophocles



- 16.** “The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 17.** “Learn to depend upon yourself by doing things in accordance with your own thinking.” – Grenville Kleiser
- 18.** “There can not be anything mean in self-reliance, while in self-conceit there cannot be anything great.” – James Allen
- 19.** “The proverb warns that, “You should not bite the hand that feeds you.” But maybe you should, if it prevents you from feeding yourself.” – Thomas Stephen Szasz
- 20.** “There’s no one to stop you but yourself.” – David Thomas
- 21.** “The highest manifestation of life consists in this: that a being governs its own actions. A thing which is always subject to the direction of another is somewhat of a dead thing.” – Thomas Aquinas
- 22.** “As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live.” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
- 23.** “No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourself.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 24.** “Shallow men believe in luck or in circumstance. Strong men believe in cause and effect.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 25.** “If you truly want to be respected by people you love, you must prove to them that you can survive without them.” – Michael Bassey Johnson
- 26.** “Don’t ask of your friends what you yourself can do.” – Quintus Ennius
- 27.** “Independence, freedom, glorious liberty come through labor and not from idleness, and the self-reliant man is too strong, too honorable, too upright to depend upon others like a sucking babe, for his support.” – James Allen
- 28.** “For it is in your power to retire into yourself whenever you choose.” – Marcus Aurelius
- You’re more than halfway through these self-reliance quotes, and we hope you are enjoying them. Once you get to the end of the page, please consider sharing these quotes with someone who could use a bit of inspiration on self-reliance.
- 29.** “You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.” – Abraham Lincoln
- 30.** “Self reliance, always. And cheerfulness.” – Marcus Aurelius
- 31.** “The best things in life must come by effort from within, not by gifts from the outside.” – Fred Corson



- 32.** “Certainty is a great element in self-reliance. To have weight, a man must have some truth to impart, and all skill is a communication of truth.” – James Allen
- 33.** “No one can be great, or good, or happy except through the inward efforts of themselves.” – Frederick W. Robertson
- 34.** “Nobody can bring you peace but yourself.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 35.** “It is folly for a man to pray to the gods for that which he has the power to obtain by himself.” – Epicurus
- 36.** “Over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign.” – John Stuart Mill
- 37.** “Life gives exams and unless you learn from your mistakes you are doomed to repeat them.” – Wayne Dyer
- 38.** “Insist on yourself; never imitate.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 39.** “When you are content to be simply yourself and don’t compare or compete, everyone will respect you.” – Lao Tzu
- 40.** “If it is to be, it is up to me.” – William H. Johnsen
- 41.** “If you depend on others for your value, it is ‘other-worth’, not ‘self-worth’.” – Wayne Dyer
- 42.** “No one can really pull you up very high-you lose your grip on the rope. But on your own two feet you can climb mountains.” – Louis Brandeis
- 43.** “To find yourself, think for yourself.” – Socrates
- 44.** “The best things in life must come by effort from within, not by gifts from the outside.” – Fred Corson
- 45.** “A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.” – Francis Bacon
- 46.** “Self-trust is the essence of heroism.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 47.** “The best things in life must come by effort from within, not by gifts from the outside.” – Fred Corson
- 48.** “I’d rather die my way than live yours.” – Lauren Oliver
- 49.** “If we rely upon the light of another, darkness will overtake us, but if we rely upon our own light we have but to keep it burning.” – James Allen



- 50.** “The best bet is to bet on yourself.” – Arnold Glasow
- 51.** “Independence is the birthright of the strong and well-controlled man.” – James Allen
- 52.** “Be yourself; no base imitator of another, but your best self. There is something which you can do better than another. Listen to the inward voice and bravely obey that. Do the things at which you are great, not what you were never made for.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 53.** “Whoso would be a man, must be a nonconformist.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 54.** “A person who is self-reliant, positive, optimistic, and undertakes his work with the assurance of success magnetizes his condition. He draws to himself the creative powers of the universe.” – Norman Vincent Peale
- 55.** “Look well into thyself; there is a source of strength which will always spring up if thou wilt always look.” – Marcus Aurelius
- 56.** “To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 57.** “On my own I will just create, if it works, it works and if it doesn’t, I’ll create something else. I don’t have any limitations on what I think I could do or be.” – Oprah Winfrey
- 58.** “Don’t depend too much on anyone in this world. Even your shadow leaves you when you’re in darkness.” – Self-Reliance Quote
- 59.** “Solitude is an unavoidable part of creativity. Self-reliance is a happy byproduct.” – Twyla Tharp
- 60.** “Self-reliance conquers any difficulty.” – Harbhajan Singh Yogi
- 61.** “Don’t ever put your happiness in someone else’s hands. They’ll drop it. They’ll drop it every time.” – Christopher Barzak
- 62.** “A bird in a tree is never afraid of a branch breaking because its trust is not on the branch but on its own wings. Always trust and believe in yourself.” – Anonymous
- 63.** “Self-reliance, the height and perfection of man, is reliance on God.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 64.** “Self-reliance is the highest expression of self-respect.” – Mokokoma Mokhonoana
- 65.** “I will not adjust myself to the world. I am adjusted to myself.” – Anais Nin



- 66.** “The secret of all great undertakings is hard work and self-reliance.” – Gustavus Franklin Swift
- 67.** “I think self-reliance and self-responsibility and self-accountability will help you as a parent, a teacher, as a citizen, as a friend.” – Henry Rollins
- 68.** “Self-reliance leads to intellectual independence. Each man must think for himself, must train the mind to think, must habituate the soul to observe and analyze.” – Ameen Rihani
- 69.** “The worst thing that can be taught to a man is to rely upon others and to whine over his sufferings.” – Teddy Roosevelt
- 70.** “Self-reliance is the best defence against the pressures of the moment.” – Carl von Clausewitz
- 71.** “Life’s too short to hang out with people who aren’t resourceful.” – [Jeff Bezos](#)
- 72.** “Perseverance is sometimes but another word for self-reliance.” – P.T. Barnum
- 73.** “You cannot wait for someone to save you, to help you, to complete you. No one can complete you. You complete yourself.” – Oprah Winfrey
- 74.** “Self-reliance is the key to a vigorous life. A man must look inward to find his own answers.” – Robin Williams
- 75.** “Dependence begets subservience and venality, suffocates the germ of virtue, and prepares fit tools for the designs of ambition.” – Thomas Jefferson
- 76.** “The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud.” – Coco Chanel
- 77.** “The ultimate power in life is to be completely self-reliant, completely yourself.” – Robert Green
- 78.** “Self-reliance means looking within to find inspiration.” – Dr. Prem Jagyasi
- 79.** “Let me not look for allies in life’s battlefield but to my own strength.” – Guatama Buddha
- 80.** “Poverty breeds lack of self-reliance.” – Daniel De Leon
- 81.** “The greatest gift you can give yourself is the gift of self-sufficiency.” – Cassandra Clare
- 82.** “You are not stuck where you are unless you decide to be.” – Wayne Dyer



- 83.** “Don’t compare yourself. You’re all you’ve got.” – Janis Joplin
- 84.** “I don’t need anyone to hold me, I can hold my own.” – Ani DiFranco
- 85.** “Trust your instincts, and make judgments on what your heart tells you. The heart will not betray you.” – David Gemmell
- 86.** “You can love people, and you can befriend them, but the only person you can ever one hundred percent depend on is yourself.” – Trisha Leigh
- 87.** “Self-reliance is the fine road to independence.” – Mary Ann Shadd
- 88.** “Jobs are what give people a sense of fulfillment and self-reliance.” – Bob McDonnell
- 89.** “What I must do is all that concerns me, not what the people think.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 90.** “Self-Reliance is a prerequisite to the complete freedom to act.” – Marion G. Romney
- 91.** “Dignity, freedom, peace and prosperity are the hallmarks of the self-reliant.” – The STRIVE
- 92.** “Don’t let your happiness depend on something you may lose.” – C.S. Lewis
- 93.** “Self-reliance means realizing that your desires and tastes are valid. *You* are valid — with or without an external stamp of approval.” – Kyle Eschenroeder
- 94.** “Long-term, we must begin to build our internal strengths. It isn’t just skills like computer technology. It’s the old-fashioned basics of self-reliance, self-motivation, self-reinforcement, self-discipline, self-command.” – Steven Pressfield
- 95.** “He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must either be a beast or a god.” – Aristotle
- 96.** “One of the greatest boons that can ever come to a human being is to be born on a farm and reared in the country. Self-reliance and grit are oftenest country-bred.” – Orison Swett Marden
- 97.** “There is an inverse relationship between reliance on the state and self-reliance.” – William F. Buckley Jr.
- 98.** “An almost forgotten means of economic self-reliance is the home production of food. We are too accustomed to going to stores and purchasing what we need.” – Ezra Taft Benson



99. “Self-reliance is not just words but deeds.” – Ashraf Ghani

100. “Self-sufficiency is the greatest of all wealth.” – Epicurus