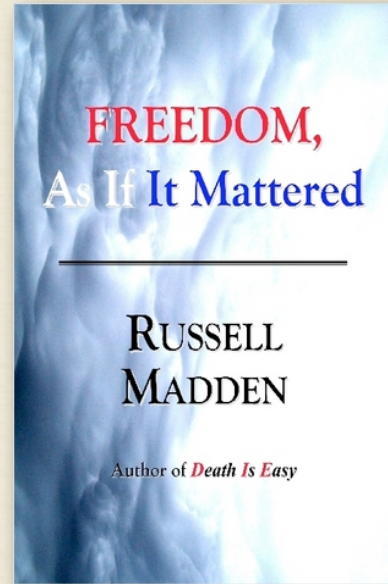


## Freedom Requires That We...

- Defend Property Rights
- Accept the Peaceful, Personal Choices of Others
- Use Persuasion, Not Force to Achieve Our Goals



- Engage Only in Voluntary Social Interactions
  - Realize We Own Our Lives
- Act in Our Rational Self-Interest
  - Enforce the Bill of Rights
- Uphold Freedom of Contract and Freedom of Association



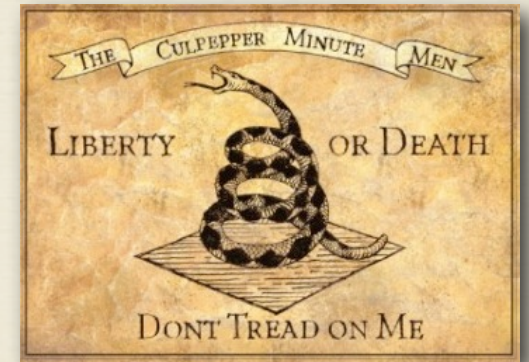
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YOUR LIFE  
BELONGS TO  
YOU



It's...

- Your RESPONSIBILITY
- Your DECISIONS
- Your MONEY
- Your LIFE

*As sovereign individuals, we have ultimate control over our own lives, our own bodies, our own property and money. The proper purpose of government is only and simply to defend — not to violate — our individual human rights. To achieve that goal, we must ensure that there is a complete separation of the State from...*

- Business
- Education
- Health Care
- Retirement
- Immigration
- Welfare
- Personal Safety & Self-Defense
- Licensing
- Building & Zoning Codes
- Airports & Roads
- Discrimination & Affirmative Action
- Water, Recycling, & Garbage
- Recreational Activities & Parks
- Drugs, Medicinal or Recreational
- Housing
- Food
- Censorship
- Interventionism
- Banking & Finance
- Money (Gold)
- Radio, Television, Internet, Games
- Power Production
- Postal Service
- Wages
- Child Labor
- Marriage
- Asset Forfeiture & Eminent Domain
- Unions
- Foreign Aid
- ID Cards
- Passports
- Driver or Car Licenses
- Citizen Databases
- Smoking & Tobacco
- Consensual Activities
- Science
- Transportation
- Child Care
- Unemployment
- Sex
- Alcohol
- Explosives
- Medicine
- Telephones
- Conscription

## TAKING FREEDOM PERSONALLY

If someone stuck a gun in your face and stole your money, would you be upset? If someone broke into your home, would you be perturbed? If someone beat you, would you be dismayed and agitated? When the government engages in legalized theft (taxes and inflation) or regulates you to death, you should be equally angry and disturbed. Don't be indifferent to the abuses you suffer.

### **YOUR LIFE BELONGS TO YOU.**

Don't let anyone dictate how you should live that life.

If there is one thing I believe, I believe that I belong to me.

I believe this deeply, passionately, wholeheartedly, without reservation or qualification. This nation fought a bloody war that abolished the vile notion that one human being could own another. The citizens of this country even enshrined the principle that no one is the slave or involuntary servant of others by passing the Thirteenth Amendment. As long as people lead their lives peacefully, refusing to threaten or use violence against their neighbors except to defend themselves, I believe their self-ownership must not be limited or denied.

I came by the belief that I belong to me — and only to me — by a long process of discovery. For most of my life, I was inundated by the message that the desires and dictates of others took precedence over my own. It's easy to say "yes." It can be incredibly difficult to say "no."

Knowing that I belong to me — and only to me — transformed not just my vision of myself but my image of the people around me. Realizing that each individual has his own life to lead, his own mind to follow, his own judgments to make, eliminated any tendency to blame others, to shift the focus from my own bad choices, to seek others to rebuild my life. Even if I did not always agree with the decisions others made, I respected their right to make such choices and to experience the consequences, good or bad.

More importantly, because I accepted the fundamental fact that I belong to me — and only to me — I had more respect for myself. Having embraced the joys of self-ownership, I want others to recognize and accept the value of personal responsibility and voluntary interactions. I try to embody the idea that has liberated me. I feel no guilt when I enjoy the results of my hard work, because my money belongs to me — and only to me. I feel no shame when I experience the pleasures of life, because my body and my mind belong to me — and only to me. I feel no unchosen duty to fix the lives of strangers, because their lives do not belong to me, are not mine to fix, nor does my life belong to them: it belongs only to me.

I have banished aggression from my world. I have eliminated envy and greed from my thoughts. I have exiled from my soul any desire to control the minds or bodies or property of others. I see no appeal in imposing coercive power over innocent people. I know this because I know with certainty that I belong to me.

And that you belong to you.