

HOW TO BE

# Independent

At Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, last April, Bishop Hans Lilje of Hanover, Germany, recounted some of his experiences as a Christian pastor in his Nazi-controlled land. Among other interesting episodes he told of his being confined to prison in Nuremberg on account of preaching the truth of God's Word as he saw it, despite the fact that such preaching was not to the liking of the government. The amazing point that the Bishop made, however, was that in his close prison cell, bound by a chain, his back to the wall, his death imminent—there he learned what it means to be an independent man!

Does not such an assertion remind us that freedom in the highest sense is an attitude of soul? Says the Psalmist, "So shall I keep Thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty."

True liberty is the freedom to do not what we may want to do but rather what we ought to do. Real independence lies in doing our duty. Among the requirements our Maker has placed upon us there is none higher than that expressed in I John 3:23, "And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ . . ." Said the Christ Himself, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Would you experience the highest form of freedom? Then you must come to know the Lord Jesus, who is "the way, the truth, and the life," as your own Saviour from sin and death. Trust Him as your own Redeemer, obey Him as your Lord, and you will then know in the highest sense what it is to be an independent person.

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## ONE WAY



A boy, just out of high school, wanted a good education, and registered at an accredited college. During Freshman week, he asked the Freshmen and the Sophomores what courses he should take.

One Sophomore said, "Take Accounting: it will prepare you for a place in business."

Another Sophomore said, "Take the course on Greek Mythology: there is no work to do and it is lots of fun."

A Freshman said, "I think we ought to take Music Appreciation: you can sleep in class."

But the catalogue said, "A candidate for the A. B. degree must take two years of a foreign language; one year of mathematics; English composition . . ."

The student, and you who read this, also want the best out of life. And one man tells you, "Work hard and somehow get a good income: money is ter-



ribly important."

A well-to-do woman tells you, "Money is not all. You must know that God is love and love is God, and that there is no sin or death. Avoid mortal illusions: that gives peace."

A well respected gentleman tells you, "Go to a majestic cathedral. See the images; smell the incense; find satisfaction in the pomp and pageantry."

But the Catalogue says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23). Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. (John 3:3). No man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6).

If you want your degree, pay no attention to Freshmen and Sophomores. Read the Catalogue.

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