

At My Convenience

“Hey, Bill, did you notice that Sue and Harvey are having their garage sale?” Nancy said while looking out the living room window.

“Yeah,” Bill responded as he quickly closed the blinds. “I don’t want them to know I’m home. Harvey mentioned something last week about helping him move some furniture from his basement into his garage. I know if I go over there, I will get stuck working and talking with them. I don’t want to miss the beginning of the Cubs game. If the phone rings, don’t answer it.” Bill plopped down in his easy chair and took a big gulp of his soft drink.

“Bill,” Nancy said in a condemning tone as she glared at him.

“What?” Bill responded, trying to sound innocent. “I’m free to help Harvey when it’s convenient for me. I promise to help him next time. Just not today.”

1. Would you want Bill for a neighbor? Why or why not?
2. Read Galatians 5:13 and 14. Evaluate Bill’s statement, “I’m free to help Harvey when it’s convenient for me.”
3. How do you use your freedom in Christ—to benefit yourself or to benefit others?
4. How could you use your freedom in Christ to show love to a neighbor this week?