For what, from a Christian standpoint, are individuals to be free?

Not for the pursuit of their private interests. Nor for the pursuit of private virtues—in themselves and others—that discipline the pursuit of self-interests. No, individuals are to be free to serve the inclusive cause of God's love, which is the being and the well-being of *all*—all of God's creatures as well as Godself.

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