



Characterized by Self-Control: Walking in the Spirit

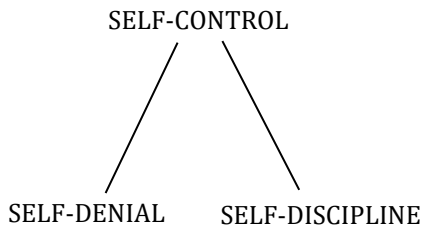
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*Applying all diligence, in your faith supply...self-control.
2 Peter 1:5-6*

Self-Control is Spirit-Control.

Galatians 5:13-26

- Spirit-control is yielding to the Holy Spirit rather than **myself**.



- Self-denial: Not doing or having the thing you want.
- Self-discipline: Doing or accepting the thing you don't want.

- Self-denial: Denying the desires and passions of the flesh.
- Self-discipline: Yielding to the will of the Spirit.

Self-control is a growth process.

*2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace **be multiplied** to you...*

Self-control grows by growing in the knowledge of God.

*2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.***

Self-control grows by hard work.

*2 Peter 1:5 Now for this very reason, applying all **diligence**, in your faith supply...self-control.*

“Those who will make any progress in religion must be very diligent and industrious in their endeavors. Without giving all diligence, there is no gaining any ground in the work of holiness; those who are slothful in the business of religion will make nothing of it.”

(Mathew Henry)

Self-Control is Important.

- 2 Peter 1:8 _____

- 2 Peter 1:9-10 _____

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 _____

Do You Pray?

“We must pray for the grace of self-denial.”

“Lord, give me grace to deny myself, to take up my cross daily, and to follow Christ, to keep under the body, and bring it into subjection. Lord, keep me from being a lover of my own self, from being wise in my own conceit, and leaning to my own understanding. Lord, give me to seek not my own only, but my brother’s welfare. And grant that I may live not to myself, or die to myself, but whether I live or die may I be the Lord’s, and live and die to Him.” (Matthew Henry)