
Col. 3:5 Put to death ... what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness...

Pr. 6:24 to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adventuress. ²⁵ Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes;

Self-control: consequences without it...

Gal. 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Romans 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

James 1:14... but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don't be deceived,...

Matthew 16:24 "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?"

Key: pg 1: relativism; tolerance. feelings; offended; disagreement outrage; desires; "freedom" want; ought.

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Self-Control

The Fruit of the Spirit—pt. 9

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*Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and **self-control**.*

Secular man's real definition of self-control

The secular world view:

The "triumph" of r_____.

The god of t_____.

The high priestess of f_____.

The new victimhood: being o_____.

The new sin: d_____.

Debate has been replaced with o_____.

The high priest of d_____.

The ultimate goal: "f_____"

Freedom is not the desire to do what I _____.

Freedom is the power to do what I _____.

Hebrews 11:25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

Self-control in dealing with "the world"

*1 John 2:15 Do **not love the world** or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father but of the world.*

*Matthew 22:38 You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it, to love your neighbor as yourself.*

Self-control in dealing with our "passions."

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

1 Thessalonians 4:5 ... not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

*1 Peter 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from **sinful** desires, which war against your soul.*

*Ephesians 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its **deceitful** desires;*

Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ...

Self-control in dealing with Satan

Acts 26:18 (RSV) ...to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

*Ephesians 2:2 ... in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.*

1 Peter 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Self-control as protection

Mat. 26:41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

¹³ Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness.
