

Building Your Life On Christ “Self-Control”

2 Peter 1:5-8; 1 Corinthians

9:24-27

Many ARE Saved, Separated & Sanctified but God wants us to add SELF-CONTROL.

SELF-CONTROL is the Power to Control our Fleshly Desires & Exercise God's Will in our lives.

Just as Olympians Train to receive glory, We Christians must Discipline ourselves to bring Glory to God.

1. THE STRUGGLE FOR SELF-CONTROL (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

- It is **God's Desire** that believers be **Set Apart Entirely** body, soul, & spirit.
- Our **SOUL** is the **Mind, Will & Emotions** that God gives us to **Govern** our **Bodies**.
- When **the "WILL"** is out of control, there will **always** be a **Struggle**.
- When **EMOTIONS** get out of control, it leads to **Lust**.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-CONTROL

- As Christians, we have the **ABILITY** to **Develop "Self-Control."** (Galatians 5:22-25)
- Believers either live with a **"Clear"** conscience OR a **"Seared"** conscience. (1 Tim. 1:5)
- When we **Submit** fully to the **Spirit** of God & **Allow** Jesus to be Lord, we will begin experience **God-Driven Self-Control**.

- **SIX WAYS** TO **Walk with God** that help us **Achieve Self-Control**

- 1.) **GIVE UP** Control
- 2.) **ASK** For Forgiveness
- 3.) **FLEE** Temptation
- 4.) **ADOPT** High Standards
- 5.) **RESIST** The "Bait"
- 6.) **FALL IN LOVE** With Jesus

3. THE OUTCOME OF GOD'S CONTROL IS SERVICE

- When **GOD** is in control & you're **Allowing HIM** to control your **Mind**, Your **Will** & Your **Emotions**, then you will be **Released** to **Serve OTHERS**. (Galatians 5:13-14)
- The **Greatest Service for God** is **Serving Children**.

- When God is ***In You*** & ***In Control***, You **WILL** become an ***Influencer***...You **WILL** make an ***Impact***...You **WILL** make a ***Difference***...
- ***Looking to Fulfill your Life? SERVE OTHERS!***