

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **Set Free**

***Matthew 12:43-45 NIV; Titus 2:11-14 NIV***

1. If Pastor Terry had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When was there a time where you started to notice that a change needed to happen in your life? Emotionally? Spiritually?

### **Digging Deeper:**

Pastor Terry shared his thoughts on Titus 2:12 which says, "It (Grace) teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age," We begin to obtain self-control through denying "self" daily, being fully dependent on the Holy Spirit, and replacing old habits with new habits. Which one of these has been the biggest struggle for you? Explain.

- A. Read Matthew 12:43-45 and in your own words describe how this applies to being set free from sin and allowing self-control to be present in our daily lives.

B. Read Proverbs 25:28 and 1 Corinthians 9:25 and share your thoughts on the priority that self-control must be as followers of Jesus.

C. What would be some healthy practices or spiritual habits that might allow for us to develop and see the fruit of self-control?

D. Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?

**Closing in Prayer:** As a group continue to pray for Walter and Maureen Ettel, William Haskins, Laura Hosier, and Warren Perkins.