



**Victory in the Vine:
Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit – Pt. 14
The Importance of Self-Control**

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John 15:8 (NASB), “My Father is glorified by this, **that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.**”

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT), “²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and **self-control**. There is no law against these things!”

1. Self-control produces _____.

Proverbs 25:28 (NLT), “A person **without self-control** is like a city with broken-down walls.”

2 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV), “³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a **godly life** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.** ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to **self-control, perseverance**; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being **ineffective and unproductive** in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, **forgetting** that they have been **cleansed** from their **past sins.**”

2. Self-control must be _____.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (ESV), “²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ **Every athlete exercises self-control in all things.** They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I **discipline my body and keep it under control**, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

Hebrews 12:11 (NIV), “**No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful.** Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV), “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and **self-control.**”

3. Self-control is required for _____.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NLT), “This is a trustworthy saying: “If someone aspires to be a church leader, he desires an honorable position.” ² So a church leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. **He must exercise self-control**, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. ³ He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. ⁵ For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he **take care of God’s church?** ⁶ A church leader must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall. ⁷ Also, people outside the church must speak well of him so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil’s trap.”

1 Timothy 2:9-10 (ESV), “⁹ Likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and **self-control**, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness – with good works.”

4. Self-control requires _____.

Matthew 16:24 (ESV), “Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**”

Titus 2:11-12 (ESV), “¹¹ **For the grace of God** has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to **renounce ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live **self-controlled**, upright, and godly lives in the present age.”

Romans 7:18-25a (NLT), “²¹ I have discovered this principle of life – that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God’s law with all my heart. ²³ **But there is another power within me** that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ **Oh, what a miserable person I am!** Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! **The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.**”
