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**TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF OUR LIFE:**

1) We must maintain control our... \_\_\_\_\_.

✚ According to Merriam/Webster... " \_\_\_\_\_ " can be defined as...

\_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... or \_\_\_\_\_

✚ **NEVER FORGET THAT ULTIMATELY...**

\_\_\_\_\_ is who we are \_\_\_\_\_ !

2) We must maintain control our... \_\_\_\_\_.

✚ Always remember that our " \_\_\_\_\_ " is comprised of...

Our \_\_\_\_\_ ... Our \_\_\_\_\_ ... & Our \_\_\_\_\_ !

✚ **NEVER FORGET THAT...**

What we allow in through our \_\_\_\_\_ ... can assume control of...

The way we \_\_\_\_\_ ... The things we \_\_\_\_\_ ... And the way we \_\_\_\_\_ !

3) We must maintain control our... \_\_\_\_\_.

**THREE WAYS TO HELP CONTROL OUR " \_\_\_\_\_ ":**

1) \_\_\_\_\_.

2) \_\_\_\_\_.

3) \_\_\_\_\_.

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### TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF OUR LIFE:

1) We must maintain control our... CHARACTER.

#### V. 23b OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT...

*“...May your SPIRIT (or character)... be kept complete and [be found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

#### ACCORDING TO MERRIAM/WEBSTER... “CHARACTER” CAN BE DEFINED AS... MORALITY... INTEGRITY... VIRTUE... OR EHTICS

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33b (NLT)

*“...Bad company corrupts good character.”*

#### NEVER FORGET THAT ULTIMATELY... CHARACTER IS WHO WE ARE IN SECRET!

#### 2 PETER 1:5 (NLT)

*“Supplement your faith with a generous provision of “moral excellence (virtue or good character)...”*

2) We must maintain control our... EYES.

#### ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT OUR “SOUL”, IS COMPRISED OF OUR... OUR MIND... OUR WILL... & OUR EMOTIONS!

#### MATTHEW 6:22-23 (NLT)

*“Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. <sup>23</sup> But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!”*


#### NEVER FORGET THAT...

**WHAT WE ALLOW IN THROUGH OUR EYE-GATE... CAN ASSUME CONTROL OF... THE WAY WE THINK... THE THINGS WE DESIRE... AND THE WAY WE FEEL!**

#### V. 23 OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT...

*“...May your... SOUL... be kept complete and [be found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

3) We must maintain control our... TONGUE.

 JAMES 3:2-10 (NLT)

*Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.<sup>3</sup> We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth.<sup>4</sup> And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.<sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.<sup>6</sup> And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.<sup>7</sup> People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish,<sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup> Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God.<sup>10</sup> And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!*

THREE WAYS TO HELP CONTROL OUR TONGUE:

- 1) Receive The Holy Ghost
- 2) Feast On The Word Of God
- 3) Talk With God In Prayer

 V. 23 OF OUR SCRIPTURE TEXT...

*“...May your SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY be kept complete and [be found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*