

Add To Your Faith

“Self-Control”

Reading—[2 Peter 1:3-11](#)

A. “I’m Losing Control!”

1. No one likes to be with out control.
2. The problem is we like to control outside circumstances
3. We like to control others.
 - a. Sometimes spouses want to control each other.
 - b. Sometimes parents and children have struggles over control
 - c. Sometimes friends want to control other friends.

B. What we really need is SELF-Control!

1. [Acts 24:25](#)—Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid
2. There needs to be self control in marriage [1 Corinthians 7:5](#)
3. There needs to be self control before marriage [1 Corinthians 7:9](#)
4. **Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon:** “Self-control is the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites”

#1 Importance

1. It qualifies men to serve in greater capacities—elders [Titus 1:8](#)
2. [Galatians 5:23](#)—self-control is part of the fruit of the Spirit!
3. Prevents corruption and loss of crown! [1 Corinthians 9:25-27](#)

#2 Application

1. Temper (temperance) [Ephesians 4:26](#)
2. Tongue [James 3:1-12](#)
3. Temptation [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

#3 Cultivation

1. Work the Job (Stay at your Post) [1 Corinthians 9:27](#)
2. Keep it in perspective (in relation to eternity) [Acts 24:25](#)
3. Dethrone Self [Matthew 16:24](#)
4. Enthroned Christ [Galatians 2:20](#)
5. Serve others [1 Corinthians 10:23-33](#)