

The Fruit of the Spirit: Self-control

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1. Our problem with understanding self-control.

- If you could have you would have!
- We control life around us because we can't control life inside us.
- The Greek world view of self-control means to master oneself.

2. Self-control starts with surrendering to Jesus.

- Self-control is not me being in control it is me deciding who/what I will allow to control me. Galatians 5:16
- Jesus is still is in the business of setting us free. John 8:36

3. There is a difference in spirit led self-control.

- “People do not drift toward holiness...” D.A. Carson
- Godly self-control is the spirit enabled and grace empowered ability to live a thoughtful life according to the word of God.
- It is not self-control we are demonstrating – we are announcing that the savior is in control in us.