

## The Call to Self-Control

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Acts 24:24-25 *But some days later [the governor] Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."*

### 1. General Exhortations about Self-Control

1 Peter 2:11

1 Thessalonians 5:22 *abstain from every form of evil.*

2 Peter 1:6

Proverbs 29:11 *A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.*

1 Peter 1:13 *Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 4:7 *The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.*

1 Peter 5:8 *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

Titus 2:11-14

## 2. Examples of Self-Control

Titus 2:2

Titus 2:3-5

Titus 2:6-8

Titus 1:7-8 (1 Timothy 3:2)

2 Timothy 4:5 *be sober in all things.*

Luke 4:1-13

1 Peter 2:23 *While being reviled, [Jesus] did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.*

1 Samuel 24; 2 Samuel 16

1 Corinthians 10:12 *Let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.*

Genesis 39

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 *For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,*

1 Corinthians 10:6-12

## 3. Motivations for Self-Control

1 Corinthians 6:9-13

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

1 Corinthians 15:34 *Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.*

1 Corinthians 10:23-24

1 Corinthians 9:23-27

1 Timothy 4:7-8 *Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*

**Conclusion:**