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SELF-CONTROL

But the fruit of the Spirit is

SELF CONTROL

Restrain one's emotions, actions, and desires, and to be in harmony with the will of God.

Self discipline is cultivated

Soph-ro-syne

σωφροσύνη

Excellence of character and soundness of mind, which when combined in one well-balanced individual leads to temperance, moderation, prudence, purity, and self-control. In other languages there is no equivalent word.

The first and best victory
is to conquer self.

Plato

What man is most fit to govern?

He that can well govern himself.

Plato

The spirit God gave us
does not make us timid,
but gives us power,
love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

Today's actions are tomorrow's results

Self control is the chief element in self-respect, and self respect is the chief element in courage.

Thucydides

There is a season to sow and a season to reap. Self discipline helps us know the difference.

I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who overcomes his enemies, for the hardest victory is over self.

Aristotle

We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life.

Titus 2:11-15 MSG

Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice to free us from a dark, rebellious life into this good, pure life, making us a people he can be proud of, energetic in goodness.

Titus 2:11-15 MSG

Don’t love the world’s ways.

Don’t love the world’s goods.

1 John 2:15-17 MSG

Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father.

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Practically everything that goes on in the world…

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wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father.

1 John 2:15-17 MSG

It just isolates you from him.

1 John 2:15-17 MSG

The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out

1 John 2:15-17 MSG

but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

1 John 2:15-17 MSG

PRAYER

Sovereign and Gracious God,
Give me the
gift of awareness.

Help me to not sacrifice the temporary for the eternal.

Help me to honor you with
my heart,
my mind,
and my body.

Enable me to control myself.

Enable me to master my thoughts.

Enable me to have the power of a calm inner core.

Amen.

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