

SERMON NOTES

CULTIVATING SELF-CONTROL

Selected Scriptures



BIG IDEA: We need self-control to be effective and fruitful in the knowledge of Christ.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

What is the difference between trying to control our circumstances and controlling ourselves?

Which one do you spend more time trying to do?

How does a biblical view of self-control differ from that of the world?

What is the significance of Christ's self-control in his temptation (Mt 4), particularly in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mt 26)?

APPLY

How do passages such as Galatians 5:16, 2 Timothy 1:7, and Titus 2:11-12 encourage you to live a life of self-control?

Where in your life do you see a need for greater self-control?

What steps will you take, spiritually and practically, to cultivate this fruit of the Spirit in your life?

COMMIT

All the fruits of the Spirit are cultivated by living a crucified life of submission to the Spirit (Galatians 5:24-25). Begin to pray daily that the Lord will help you create a spiritual climate where the fruits of the Spirit can grow abundantly.