

The Wisdom of Self-Control

Wisdom for Life - Part 3

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"Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control."
Prov 25:28

I. The Dangers of Self-Indulgence:

(Judges 13-16)

A lack of _____ leads to _____,
which opens the door to _____.

A. It causes you to _____.

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"
Mark 8:36

B. It blinds you to the _____.

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."
1 Peter 5:8

C. It distracts you from God's _____.

"...We ask our God to make you worthy of the life He has called you to live..."
2 Thess 1:11 (TEV)

D. It robs you of your _____ to the Spirit.

"...But he did not know that the LORD had left him."
Judg 16:20

E. It takes away your _____.

"If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!"
Prov 24:10

II. Self Control Leads to Victory Over:

A. _____.

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."
2 Cor 10:5

B. _____.

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable..."
1 Thess 4:3-4

C. _____.

"He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the King for his friend."
Prov 22:11

III. A Plan for Regaining Self-Control:

A. Get _____ with God.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart...See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."
Ps 139:23-24

B. Seek _____ from God.

"Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin...Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
Ps 51:10

C. Be _____.

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."
Phil 4:13

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
Prov 27:17