

FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—SELF-CONTROL vs. WORK OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS— UNCONTROLLED

1. Write from memory the definition of the fruit of Righteousness—Self-control:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of Self-control but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of how you have exhibited self-control since you began your study of this fruit of righteousness:

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3. Write from memory the definition of the work of Self-Righteousness—Uncontrolled:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of being uncontrolled but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of ways in which you exhibited uncontrollable behavior in your life *before* you knew it was an alternative to the fruit of Righteousness—Self-control:

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5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in I Peter 1:13-16.

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:13-16

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6. Information Application: Please re-read I Peter 1:13-16 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Matthew 23:24-26.

“Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.”

Matthew 23:24-26

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(Pharisees) _____, *(hypocrites)*
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9. Though we have just completed our study on the character quality of Self-control, we feel it is integral that we confirm our understanding God's fruit of the Spirit—Temperance— in comparison to Self-control. In 25 words or more, please express our primary understanding of the differences between Spirit-control, Self-control, and being Uncontrolled.

10. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in James 3:2, 5, 6.

“For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.” James 3:2, 5, 6

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James 3:2, 5, 6

11. Information Application: Please re-read James 3:2, 5, 6. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

Student Self-Evaluation

Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in difficult situations that will give you opportunities to exhibit self-control. While in these situations you may find yourself submitting to this fruit or you may find you lack the personal governance and respond uncontrollably. When we “try hard to do better,” we often fail, at which time a proper stance is taken merely by chance, if at all. When we learn to yield to God’s power we will find our character is strong enough to overcome tempting circumstances.

We have learned that when God acts, he responds through us with Spirit-controlled Temperance. When man uses his character to react, he will overcome at times, or most likely, he will lack the personal governance to stand properly. After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

- ☐ I usually exhibit the fruit of Righteousness—Self-control.
- ☐ I struggle with yielding to the work of Self-Righteousness—Uncontrolled.

How do you think you could remain controlled when your mind, will, and emotions scream to do what you want to do? Remember, trying harder to do better is not the right answer!

FOR THE GRADER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the meaning of the fruit of Righteousness—Self-control and the devil’s offsetting work of being Uncontrolled? Yes or No
2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:
Strong Strengthening Adequate Minimal Weak
3. Do you believe this student responds somewhat consistently with Self-control when threatened with tempting circumstances in which his/her character must overcome?
Often Sometimes Seldom Never
4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next fruit test of Initiative? Yes or No
5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way? _____

6. If no, what are your reasons? _____
