

FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—DISCRETION
vs.
WORK OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS—
UNRULINESS

1. Write from memory the definition of the fruit of Righteousness—Discretion:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of discretion but that you also understand its meaning, please give two situations that required discretion since you began your study of this fruit of Righteousness:

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3. Write from memory the definition of the work of the self-righteousness—Unruliness:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of unruliness but that you also understand its meaning, please give two situations in which your behavior was unruliness in your life *before* you knew it was an alternative to the fruit of righteousness—Discretion.

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5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Proverbs 2:10-12.

“When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh forward things;” Proverbs 2:10-12

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things. Proverbs 2:10-12

6. Information Application: Please re-read Proverbs 2:10-12 using your dissected and defined meanings. 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.

7. **MEN**—Proverbs 5:1-6.

“My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are movable, that thou canst not know them.” Proverbs 5:1-6

WOMEN—Proverbs 11:20-22.

“They that are of a forward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight. Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. As a jewel of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.” Proverbs 11:20-22

Please read your corresponding passage, and in 25 or more of your own words, explain what these verses mean to you. How might these verses help you develop the Spirit-led intuition of discretion and avoid behaving in an unruly manner in difficult situations?

8. Please read I Thessalonians 5:14-18 below, taking special note of the words/phrases in bold.

“Now we exhort you, brethren, **warn them that are unruly**, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, **be patient toward all men**. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” I Thessalonians 5:14-18

Please dissect and define the following **bolded** phrases in the spaces provided:

1. warn them that are unruly_____

2. be patient toward all men_____

Information Application: Please re-read I Thessalonians 5:14-18 using your dissected and defined meanings for the bolded phrases. Rewrite in 25 or more of your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. In so doing, please explain what needs to be done for those who are unruly and how we are to treat them. (Don't forget to use your definitions of words previously studied.)

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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 peace. While in these situations you may find yourself submitting to this fruit or being overwhelmed in a way that may lend you to worry. When we “try hard to do better,” we often fail and become overly concerned about God’s ability to work things out for our good. When we learn to yield to God’s power we will find it easier to remain at peace in difficult or even dangerous circumstances.

We have learned that when God acts, he responds in peace. When man acts in his own power he sometimes responds in worry. After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

- ☐ I usually exhibit the fruit of Righteousness—Discretion.
- ☐ I struggle with yielding to the work of Self-righteousness—Unruliness.

How do you think you would yield to the Spirit-led intuition of discretion when your mind, will, and emotions tempt you to disregard the guidance of authority? 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—Discretion and the devil’s offsetting work of unruliness?
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 discretion when threatened with temptation to leave the guidance of authority?
Often Sometimes Seldom Never
4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the final fruit test of Tolerance? Yes or No
5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way?_____
6. If no, what are your reasons?_____