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Sunday, October 8, 2017

“DETERMINING WHO IS IN CHARGE”

(Galatians 5:22-23)

Today we look at the last of the nine fruit of the Spirit. A lot of people could be described as control freaks. The truth is we can't control our circumstances and we can't control other people. The one place we can exercise control as Christ-followers is in the area of self-control.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22- 23, ESV).

1. Is any area of my life _____?

A. Do you have any _____?

B. Do you have _____?

2. Lack of self-control _____.

3. Self-control means giving control of _____.

A. Jesus in me will say no to _____!

B. Jesus in me will say _____!

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22- 23, ESV).

1. Is any area of my life out of control?

A. Do you have any uncontrolled appetites?

“When you sit down to eat with a ruler, consider carefully what is before you; And put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to great appetite” (Proverbs 23:1-2, NASB).

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4, ESV).

B. Do you have uncontrolled anger?

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger” (Ephesians 4:26, ESV).

“A man of quick temper acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated” (Proverbs 14:17, ESV).

2. Lack of self-control leads to ruin.

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls” (Proverbs 25:28, ESV)

“‘The Philistines are upon you, Samson!’ And he awoke from his sleep and said, ‘I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.’ But he did not know that the Lord had left him. And the Philistines seized him

and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison” (Judges 16:20-21, ESV).

3. Self-control means giving control of myself to Jesus.

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23, ESV).

A. Jesus in me will say no to the wrong things!

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce (say no to) ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age” (Titus 2:11-12, ESV)

B. Jesus in me will say yes to the right things!

“For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding YES!” (2 Corinthians 1:20, NLT).

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36, ESV).

“He (Felix) sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment” (Acts 24:24-25, ESV).

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence” (Matthew 23:25, ESV).

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love” (1 Peter 1:5-7, ESV).