

A Worship Minute.....

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The reason God wants us to grow in self-control ties in with all the other fruit of the Spirit that are listed in Galatians 5:22-23. God's idea for the world includes having everyone demonstrate the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

So where does self-control come in? *Everywhere.*

- 1 It takes self-control to have godly **joy** when we are facing a difficult situation in life. "Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).
- 2 It takes self-control to get along with others and make **peace** instead of constantly getting into conflict. "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9).
- 3 It takes self-control to **patiently** bear with others rather than quickly condemning them. It's very hard to "be patient with all" (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- 4 It takes self-control to not automatically look out only for yourself but **kindly** look out for other people (Philippians 2:4).
- 5 It takes self-control to do **good**, to go through the narrow gate toward life rather than the evil, wide gate toward destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).
- 6 It takes self-control to be **faithful** and not have our faith shattered by the mocking of scoffers (2 Peter 3:3-4).
- 7 It takes self-control to be a **gentle** servant of the Lord (2 Timothy 2:24), showing compassion and mercy with real love as God does with us.