

TEMPERANCE- self-control---wearing His yoke

II Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 **And to knowledge temperance;**

Temperance = (en krateia) en-_____ kratos-_____

This compound word forms the literal concept of *strength under*
Strength under _____

Three facets of temperance that we want to yield ourselves to:

1. Holding passions and desires in check - control
2. The ability to respond to God- authority
3. The basis for fruitful Christian service - direction

1. Holding passions and desires in check (*strength under control*)

Is pleasure _____?

_____ is pleasure evil?

- When it becomes an _____
Philippians 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)
- When it _____ God's principles of right and wrong
1Jn 3:4 Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
James 4:17 Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.
- When it _____ or controls
1John 3:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin (*ongoing*) is the servant of sin.

We cannot be masters by our _____ initiative or power

Our fallen nature and our fleshly limitations we must be mastered-- the question is: WHO will master us?

Self-control is the freedom to have God's direction rather than the world's control.

Self-control is a fruit of God's Spirit being present and dominant within us.

He does not TAKE control--- we YIELD to His Lordship and power

Because we trust Him (always right, always wants the best for us)

Committing ourselves to this 4th calling of God (temperance) means receiving the guidance and power of God to tell our passions and desires that they will no longer "run the show".

2Co 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.