

Take control of your life

¹² They are like unreasoning animals, born as of nature, for capture and destruction. In that they are ignorantly blaspheming, they are included in the destruction of those who will be destroyed.

¹³ Behaving unrighteously is the wages unrighteousness. They hedonistically promote open displays of self-indulgence. They are defects and blemishes, revelling in their deceptions as they feast with you.

¹⁴ Committing adultery with their eyes; never ceasing from sin; enticing unstable souls; having a heart trained in greed. They are offspring of the curse.

¹⁵ They have abandoned the straight way, having wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wage of unrighteousness.

¹⁶ But he was rebuked for his transgression by a donkey, unable to speak, that spoke in human voice and restrained the prophet's foolishness.

¹⁷ These are springs without water and fogs driven by storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

¹⁸ Speaking arrogant empty words, they appeal to the sensual passions of the flesh and entice back those who take few steps to escape from living in error.

¹⁹ They promise freedom, while they them-selves are slaves to corruption. Everyone is a slave to whatever has mastered them. 2 Peter 2:12-19

1. Take control of your

Ask yourself the question

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“If any of you lacks...” James 1:5

2. Take control of your

Set relational

“If we self-discipline...” 1 Cor.11:31-32

“Make every effort...” 2 Peter 1:5-8

“The Spirit that God gave...” 2 Tim.1:7

Set personal

“The only tests you have...” 1 Cor.10:13

“Flee passions of...” 2 Tim.2:22

“meet face-to-face...” Exodus 33:11

3. Take control of your

Money is to be honestly

“If anyone is not willing...” 2 Thess.3:10

“Love of money is...” 1 Tim.6:10

Money is to be wisely

“Little by little...” Proverbs 13:11

“...put it in the bank” Matt. 25:14-30

“Abundant Life” John 10:10

4. Take control of your

Speak words that

“Build up... give grace...” Eph.4:29

“builds itself up” Ephesians 4:16

Speak words that

“If I speak...” 1 Corinthians 13:1

“Let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes’ Matt.5:37

My prayer priorities for this week

S 8 Rosalie & Jim D

M 9 Ian & Eleanor

T 10 Barry & Marion

W 11 Marina G. Jean H.

T 12 Helen & George H

F 13 Manny & Sam, Asher, Austin

S 14 Paula & Paul

S 15 Tony & Diane

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Make a list of the top 5 people, &/or things, that control your life.
2. How do people &/or things gain legitimate or illegitimate control?
3. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? What do we ask God for wisdom, instead of asking for knowledge (Jas.1:5)?
4. “If we self-discipline with integrity, we will not come under discipline. But when we are disciplined by the Lord, we are being disciplined.” 1 Cor.11:31-32a. What does self-discipline look like? What does discipline by the Lord look like?
5. Complete this sentence. “If anyone is not willing...” 2 Thess.3:10. Where is the law, and where is the grace, in this sentence? Should our government enact this sentence as a policy? How does this apply to churches who run Soup Kitchens for the homeless?
6. Read Ephesians 4:29, “...only words that build up... give grace...” How can this be put into practice?

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