

**(Ephesians 4:25)** "Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," ..."

**(Ephesians 4:28-32)** "Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, ..., that he may have something to give ... [29] Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good .. that it may impart grace to the hearers. [30] And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, ... [31] Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. [32] And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."

**(Ephesians 5:18)** "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is [excess]; but be filled with the Spirit,"

**(1 Thessalonians 4:3)** "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;"

**(Hebrews 13:4)** "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

**(Proverbs 23:2-3)** "And put a knife to your throat If you are a man given to appetite. [3] Do not desire his delicacies, For they are deceptive food."

**(Philippians 4:8)** "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, .. noble, .. just, .. pure, .. lovely, .. of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy; meditate on these things."

**2. Self control involves spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,**  
verse 6,

**(Galatians 5:22-23)** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control. ..."

**(Galatians 5:16)** "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

**(1 Corinthians 15:10)** "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

**(2 Corinthians 9:8)** "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

**(Proverbs 16:32)** "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city."



On top of Everest

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### "Irresistible" Temptations

**Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. --Matthew 4:1**

Before I was old enough to get a driver's license, I often thought about what it would be like to drive on the open road. I was afraid I would be tempted to go as fast as the car would go. I didn't know if I would have the self-control to drive according to the speed limit and driving conditions. When I turned 16, though, I realised it was possible to control an accelerator instead of being controlled by it.

Have you ever heard about someone who justified his sin, claiming that the temptation was so irresistible that he had no other choice? Or have you ever wondered whether a certain questionable activity might actually be all right for you? After all, you reasoned, didn't this unique opportunity come along at just the right time and provide just what you thought you needed?

We learn from the temptation of Jesus Christ that when we have an occasion to sin, God will always provide a way for us to escape or He will give us the strength to resist it (Lk. 4:1-13; 1 Cor. 10:13). By relying on the Holy Spirit and the Word of God as Jesus did, we can resist temptation rather than be ruined by it.



For the Christian, there is no such thing as an irresistible temptation. -MRDII

*Yield not to temptation,  
for yielding is sin;  
Each victory will help  
you some other to win,  
Fight manfully onward,  
dark passions subdue;  
Look ever to Jesus--  
He'll carry you  
through. --Palmer*

**Every temptation is an opportunity to trust God.**



# 2 Peter: Overcoming Error The Way of Fruitfulness V

## The Way of Fruitfulness

### The Summit of:

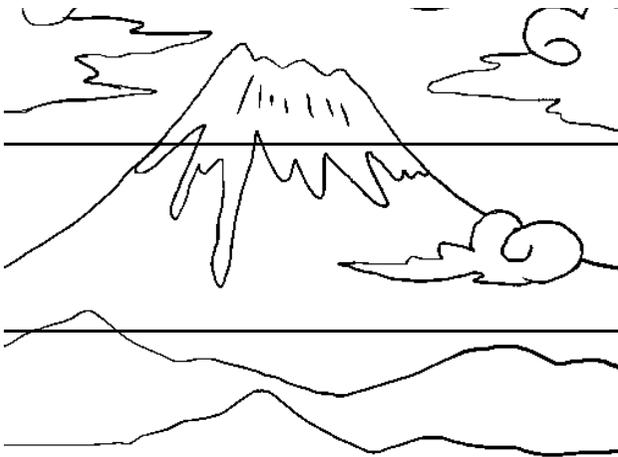
- ◆ Godliness
- ◆ Brotherly kindness
- ◆ Love

### The Hard climb of:

- ◆ Self control
- ◆ Perseverance

### The Foot-Hills of:

- ◆ Faith
- ◆ Virtue
- ◆ Knowledge



**(Matthew 7:24-25)** ""Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: {25} ".. and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."

2 Peter 1:5-7. There are 2 aspects of self control to consider:

**1. Self control involves \_\_\_\_\_,**  
verse 5-6, 3

#1 Self control is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_,  
v 5-6

#2. Self control is always part of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Titus 1:7-8)** "For a bishop must be blameless, ..., {8} .. sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled,"

#3. Self control is never appealing to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
**(Acts 24:24-25)** "And after some days, when Felix came .. he sent for Paul and heard him



concerning the faith in Christ. {25} Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you. ""

#4. Self control is critical to the \_\_\_\_\_ life,  
**(1 Corinthians 7:8-9)** "But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; {9} but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. ..."

#5. Self control is illustrated by the \_\_\_\_\_,  
**(1 Corinthians 9:25-27)** "And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. {26} Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. {27} But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."  
**(1 Corinthians 9:27)** "but I buffet my body and make it my slave, ..." [NASB]

#6. Self control requires \_\_\_\_\_ our members,  
**(Romans 6:19)** "... just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, ..., so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness."

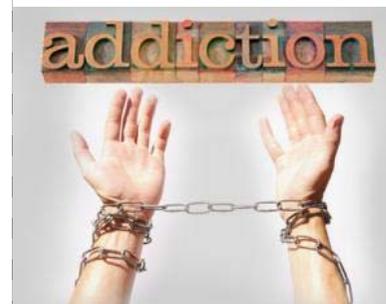
#7. Self control has \_\_\_\_\_ consequences,  
**(Galatians 6:7-8)** "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

**{8}** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

**(Proverbs 4:18-19)** "But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. {19} The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble."

**(Proverbs 3:5-8)** "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; {6} In all your ways acknowledge Him, ... {7} ..; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. {8} It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones."

**(Proverbs 25:28)** "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls."



#8. Self control requires \_\_\_\_\_,  
**(Psalms 119:33-34)** "Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end. {34} Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart."