

Brother Paul's Prayer Concerning Self-control

Lord: Today I want you to continue making me a good and great person.*
I realize nothing great is accomplished without a great deal of self-discipline.
I want to work with you in controlling all of my motives and emotions, all of my thoughts
and all of my actions.
With my cooperation and Your superhuman power, we cannot fail.

Today I gladly and willingly take up my cross of self-denial,
I climb the hill to Calvary,
I crucify sinful self and rise to live a life exclusively for you and for others.
Having done this, I know I have the right to claim victory over temptation and bad habits.

I rely on Your extraordinary changeless power to energize me.
You are able to show me right from wrong, if I am paying attention to You.

Today I will come closer to what You want me to be.

Thank you, Lord, for the liberating quality of self-control. Amen!

Self-control is the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual
appetites. – *Thayer*

Biblically speaking, there is assured *Spirit*-control and there is unreliable *self*-control.

“Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.”

Are you getting the full impact of this truth? If you no longer want to be controlled by your
old sinful nature, submit fully to the Holy Spirit who lives in you.

Experience Holy Spirit control for the *Surprise* of your life.

*Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. – *Jesus* ◇◇