



LOUDER WEEK 9 DEVOTIONAL

SELF-CONTROL

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **2 Peter 1:3–11**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

REFLECT

1. What is one idea from the message that captured your attention?
2. When you hear the word self-control what comes to mind? How would you define it?
3. How has today's experience influenced your definition of self-control from a biblical perspective?
4. Using a scale of 1 (no control) to 5 (full spirit lead control) discern the following dimensions of your life.
 - a. Spiritual | walking in the Spirit, not flesh
 - b. Physical | appetites, sexual, appearance, addictions
 - c. Mental | pure thoughts, focused above, every thought obedient to Christ
 - d. Emotional | Feelings, passions, affections, attachment
 - e. Social | verbal control, no unwholesome talk, use words to build up

- f. Financial | Work, money management, spending, share not hoard
5. Referencing the 2 Peter passage that says, "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life," what goes through your heart and mind?
 6. In 2 Peter 1:3–11, what does God say is His role? And what is our role? How do the two work off of one another?
 7. How equipped do you feel for a life of Godliness? What does this passage encourage you to do in response?
 8. How can the qualities Peter mentioned keep us from being ineffective and unproductive in our relationship with Jesus and others?

RESPOND

Referring back to the six dimensions mentioned in question 4, write a prayer to God for each one, committing and asking the Holy Spirit to take more control of that aspect of your life. Pray practically and specifically.

REMEMBER

Memorize 2 Peter 1:3–11

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:3–11 | New International Version (NIV)

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness,

mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.