The Imperative of Self Control

2 Peter 1:6*

"in your faith supply moral excellence and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control,"

Freedom in Christ does not give believers liberty to cast off all moral restraint as some members in Galatia and other churches apparently believed. Nor does it call for a withdrawal from life and its temptations. It calls for a self-disciplined life following Christ's example of being in the world but not of the world.

What are the evidences of spiritual growth in your life? Peter gives us eight characteristics that will be increasing in the growing Christian's life. The fourth quality is self-control.

- Self-control is the mark of a wise person

- Self-control is an aspect of Christian character

- Self-control affects the whole person

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