

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SCROLL 8

SELF-CONTROL — MASTERY BEFORE AUTHORITY

Witness: Daniel

Spirit Utterance

The battle is won before the temptation arrives.

Self-control is the government of the inner man.

Those who cannot govern themselves cannot be trusted to govern greater things.

Discipline today becomes freedom tomorrow.

The strongest victories are often the ones nobody sees.

Kingdom Lesson

Many seek authority.

Few seek mastery.

Many desire influence.

Few cultivate discipline.

The Kingdom is not sustained by talent alone.

It is sustained by those who have learned to rule their own appetites, emotions, desires, and reactions.

Self-control is not weakness.

Self-control is strength under government.

Before Daniel faced lions, he first learned to govern himself.

Before public tests come private decisions.

First Stick Witnesses

Daniel 1:8

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat."

Proverbs 25:28

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."

Proverbs 16:32

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

1 Corinthians 9:25

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

 Second Stick Witnesses

Alma 38:12

"See that ye bridle all your passions, that ye may be filled with love."

Mosiah 3:19

"The natural man is an enemy to God... unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit."

Helaman 3:35

"They did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger."

Ether 12:27

"I give unto men weakness that they may be humble."

 Kingdom Reflection

Daniel's greatest victory was not in the lion's den.

It happened long before the lions appeared.

While others enjoyed the luxuries of Babylon, Daniel established boundaries.

While others adapted to the culture around them, Daniel remained anchored to covenant.

His self-control was not driven by fear.

It was driven by purpose.

The decision to remain undefiled created the foundation for every victory that followed.

The fruit appeared before the test.

✂ Mantle Connection

Self-control strengthens every mantle.

The teacher must control pride.

The watchman must control fear.

The warrior must control anger.

The builder must control impatience.

The scribe must control ego.

Without self-control, gifts become dangerous.

Without self-control, authority becomes corruption.

Self-control places the mantle under government before the mantle receives influence.

The Kingdom entrusts greater responsibility to those who first learn mastery over themselves.

 Kingdom Witnesses

First Stick

- Daniel
- Joseph
- John the Baptist

• Paul

Second Stick

- Alma the Younger
- Nephi
- Moroni
- Helaman

Kingdom Challenge

Identify one area where discipline has been weak.

One appetite.

One habit.

One reaction.

One distraction.

Bring it under government this week.

Do not seek perfection.

Seek mastery through consistent obedience.

Chamber Seal

Self-control is the wall that protects every other fruit.

Without self-control, knowledge becomes pride.

Without self-control, power becomes abuse.

Without self-control, purpose becomes ambition.

Those who govern themselves become trustworthy stewards of greater things.

For self-control is the fruit that establishes dominion within,
and the mantle is strongest in the hands of those who have first learned to rule themselves.

