



## Self-Control

Galatians 5:22-23a/Matthew 4:1-11

### Introduction:

- An unusual military strategy – Joshua 6:20b
- A personal parallel – Proverbs 25:28
- Galatians 5:22-23a
- A story from the life of Christ – Matthew 4:1-11

*We Need Self-Control to . . .*

#### I. **Guard Against Self-Indulgence, vv. 1-3**

- Satan tempts us to fulfill God-given wants apart from God's will and it leads to self-indulgence.

#### II. **Guard Against Self-Centeredness, vv. 5-7**

- Deuteronomy 6:16
- Remember what God has promised:
  1. The Promise of a Brighter Tomorrow – Romans 8:28
  2. The Promise of Wisdom – James 1:5
  3. The Promise of His Presence – Isaiah 41:10

#### III. **Guard Against Self-Deception, vv. 8-11**

- Exodus 20:4a

### Conclusion:

- Orpheus had a plan.
- Galatians 5:16