

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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Day 1: Read *Titus 2:11*. The Christian life flows out of grace, not guilt. Grace is not an excuse for lack of self-control. Grace is the power behind exercising self-control. How has God's grace helped you when it comes to cultivating self-control? Where do you need to pray for His gracious power to be at work in your life?

Day 2: Read *Titus 2:12*. The ability to say no to sin is not the natural response, it's the supernatural response. God's grace opens our eyes to see what is right and what is wrong. God works not just back then, but His grace works now in the present age. Look back at the past 24 hours. Where did God provide His power to say no to sin? Where do you need God's power to seek and receive His forgiveness?

Day 3: Read *Titus 2:13*. In this verse, Paul calls us to celebrate today what God is doing now and will do for all eternity through His lasting grace power. How does our future heavenly hope help you keep perspective amid our present out of control culture? Where do you sense God prompting you to pray for our world today? Why do you think He has placed such an issue, such a burden, on your heart to pray?

Day 4: Read *Genesis 39:6-10*. And you thought sexual harassment and the #MeToo movement are new to our day? Notice that Joseph's self-control is not rooted in his will power or in this case his won't power, but in his relationship with God. When have you seen God bring an out-of-control situation back in control? What happened? What lessons did He teach you? What out-of-control situation are you facing right now where you need to remember God is in control?

Day 5: Read *Genesis 39:20-21*. In a life that felt out of control, from favored son to slave to running the master's business to prisoner, Joseph practiced self-control. Throughout his ordeal God was shaping Joseph's character empowered by God's grace and favor. How has God been cultivating your character throughout this Fruit of the Spirit series? What has been your experience in praying the Cultivate Prayer (opening prayer on page 1) each day? What is one area of the Fruit of the Spirit blend, you hope God will continue to cultivate in the days ahead?

Day 6: Read *Matthew 26:38-39*. How do you sense Jesus getting ready for what the next 24 hours will bring as He prays to His Father? Where do you need to give up control, and say, "Father, not my will, but Your will be done"? What's holding you back? How is God moving you forward?

Going Deeper:

Book: *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness* by Christopher J. H. Wright

Next Week: Hebrews 10:24-25 – **Cultivate Community in a Culture of Conflict**