

Control

Matthew 6:25-34

External to ourselves we control nothing

- We do not control what we will do day to day
 - James 4:13-17
- Even a great king has no control over his kingdom.
 - Daniel 4:28-37



- ## We are commanded to control ourselves
- Proverbs 25:28 - Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.
 - Proverbs 16:32 - he who is slow to anger ...
 - 2 Peter 1:5-7 - faith, knowledge, self control
 - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 - everyone who competes
 - 2 Timothy 1:7 - discipline
 - 2 Timothy 3:2-5 - without self control
 - Titus 1:8 - self controlled

- ## Specifically told to control our words
- Matthew 15:15-20 - that proceed out of the mouth
 - James 3:1-12 - if does not stumble in what he says ...
 - James 1:26 - and does not bridle his tongue - worthless
 - Proverbs 21:23 - he who guards his mouth
 - Ephesians 4:29 - let no unwholesome word ...
 - Psalms 34:13 - keep your tongue from evil
 - Proverbs 17:28 - even a fool, when he keeps silent ...
 - Proverbs 18:21 - death and life are in the ... tongue
 - 1 Peter 3:10 - must keep his tongue from evil
 - James 4:11-12 - he who speaks against a brother ...

- ## And our thoughts
- 2 Corinthians 10:1-5 - take every thought captive
 - Philippians 4:8 - whatever is true ... dwell on these
 - Colossians 3:5-10 - put aside anger, wrath, malice
 - Romans 12:2 - be transformed by the renewing of your mind
 - Mark 7:20-22 - for from within, out of the heart of men proceed the evil thoughts ...

Relax, God is in control

- Genesis 1 - God created it all



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- Daniel 4:28-37 - Nebuchadnezzar
- Romans 8:28 - God causes all things to work for good
- 1 Timothy 2:4 - desires all to be saved
- John 3:16 - For God so loved the world
- Matthew 6:25-34 - do not be anxious
- Romans 8:31-39 - If God is for us who is against us?
- Luke 12:24 - Consider the ravens
- Hebrews 13:5 - be content with what you have
- James 4:2-4 - you ask and do not receive
- Colossians 3:1-2 - set your mind on the things above
- Matthew 6:33 - seek first the kingdom of God