

## Wednesday Prayer Points September 30th

### Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control Read Titus 2:11-14

*Lord, help me to...*

#### **1. Give Thanks For Grace**

*“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.” (v. 11)*

Thank God that our salvation is not dependent on how much self-control we can exercise. He doesn't offer salvation only to moral people who can keep His rules. He offers salvation to 'all people', including us! Thank God for His boundless grace, which continues to flow to us no matter how many times we fail Him. Pray that the way you live would point those around you to God's extraordinary grace.

#### **2. Strength To Say 'No'**

*“training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions..” (v. 12)*

What do you find it hardest to say 'No' to? Confess about those moments when you said 'Yes' to temptation and ungodliness. Pray that the next time you're faced with temptation, God would give you the self-control to say 'No' instead.

#### **3. Godly Instincts**

*“...and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.” (v. 12)*

Often the ungodly things we say are out of our mouths before we've even thought about them. Pray that God would transform your heart so that it grows in self-control. Pray that your instinctive reactions would be increasingly upright and godly.

#### **4. Hopeful Expectations**

*“Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession...” (v. 13-14)*

Rejoice that a day is coming when Jesus will appear and you will enjoy living with Him in sinless perfection, completely free of temptation, and free from failure and guilt. Ask God to help you to live now in the light of this 'blessed hope.'

#### **5. Eager To Do Good**

*“...who are zealous for good works.” (v. 14)*

Often we reduce self-control to a dutiful act of will power — instead, ask God to make you genuinely eager to do what is good. Ask Him to help you to do good today. Pray for wisdom in setting the right priorities and for self-control to avoid distractions.