

# The Joy-Producing Virtue

#### Proverbs 16:32 and 25:28

### Self-control stated negatively and positively:

- A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left WITHOUT WALLS. Proverbs 25:28
- Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who <u>RULES</u> his spirit than he who takes a city. *Proverbs* 16:32

## Synonyms:

Self-control, Restraint, MASTERY, Command, Rule, DISCIPLINE

#### Self-Control is the HOLY SPIRIT'S fruit in our lives.

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh...

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also <u>KEEP IN STEP</u> with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. *Galatians 5:16, 22-26* 

More often than not, the self-controlled are on the path to **JOY.**