Self-Control Selected Proverbs

I. The Formation of Self-control A. Only God can help us gain self-control (Proverbs 3:5-6; Galatians 5:22-23).

B. We must accept responsibility to become self-controlled (Proverbs 21:29).

II. Controlling our emotional reactions

- A. Be Patient and Restrained (14;29; 12:16; 20:3; 21:23; 17:27; 19:19)
- B. Be Gentle and Strong (15:1-2; 16:32)
- C. Overlook and Forgive (17:14; 19:11; Ephesians 4:30-5:1)
- D. Avoid close friendships with angry people (22:24-25)

III. Controlling our addictions

- A. Alcohol
 - Warnings (4:17; 20:1; 23:21)
 - Avoid people who draw you into drinking (23:20-21).
 - Avoid emotional dependence on substances (23:29-35).
- B. Food (23:1-3, 21)
- C. Greed (23:4; 14:30)
- D. Anything that controls us.

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