

SELF-CONTROL

Acts 24:24-25

INTRO:

- A. Paul's sermon before Felix included self-control.
- B. He later wrote to Timothy that in perilous times men would be without self-control.

I. PAUL'S SERMON

- A. Concerning the faith. Acts 24:22-24
- B. About righteousness. Acts 24:25
 - 1. Slaves of sin or righteousness. Romans 6:16
 - 2. Fear God/ work righteousness. Acts 10:34-35
- C. About self-control. Acts 24:25
 - 1. Rule your own spirit. Proverbs 25:28
 - 2. The fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:16-17, 22-23
 - 3. Add it to your faith. 2 Peter 1:5-7
- D. Judgment to come. Acts 24:25
 - 1. A day appointed. Acts 17:30-31
 - 2. All will be included. Romans 14:10-12

II. ANGER—damages our self-control

- A. Be slow to anger. Proverbs 16:32
- B. Be angry/ sin not. Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32
- C. Slow to speak. James 1:19-20

III. SELF-CONTROL NEEDED

- A. To discipline ourselves. I Corinthians 9:24-27
- B. Control words/thoughts. Matthew 15:18-20
- C. Control our deeds. 2 Cor. 5:10; Hebrews 5:8-9

CONCLUSION:

- A. Some have always failed to control their anger and actions.
- B. But Paul's sermon says that God expects righteousness, and that demands self-control.
- C. He also warns of judgment that is to come.
- D. Are you trusting in the power of Jesus' blood to save you, and His strength to help you discipline yourself?
- E. Now is the time. Don't wait any longer.