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SELF-CONTROL IN AN ERA OF SELF-ACTUALISATION



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SELF-CONTROL IN AN ERA OF SELF-ACTUALISATION

PART 1 (David Höhne)

1. Introduction

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and **self-control**. (Gal 5:22-23 CSB 2017)

a) Words of the wise on self-control

b) The network self that requires controlling

i. The self is a network of dynamic and mutually constitutive relationships

ii. The modern self as a container framework

iii. This modern self seeks freedom from the constraints of external relations and/or the compulsions of internal drives to achieve self-actualisation

2. Self-actualisation in modern culture

a) The romantic concept of *Meine Bildung*

i. The cult of genius

ii. *Bildung* and culture

iii. Authenticity and *Bildungen*

b) Capitalism and the power to choose

- i. The power of self-interest
- ii. Dreams, desires and modern advertising
- iii. Consumerism and buying an identity
- iv. The commodification of the self

c) Critiques of authenticity

- i. Authenticity and narcissism
- ii. Self-actualisation and envy

3. The gift of self and the gifted self

a) The gift of a new self in Christ Jesus

- i. God sends Christ Jesus to offer his-self for mine
- ii. Through Christ, and in the Spirit, I am given a new self before God (Rom 8:15)
- iii. In the Spirit of Christ, I become a gift to the body—the church (1 Cor 12:7)

4. Conclusion

a) What do we know about self-control in an era of self-actualisation?

- i. The difference between self-control and self-actualisation is the prize (1 Cor 9:25, 6:11)
- ii. Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit's directing us through Christ to God as our Father and therefore towards others (Rom 8:9-11; Gal 6:25-26)

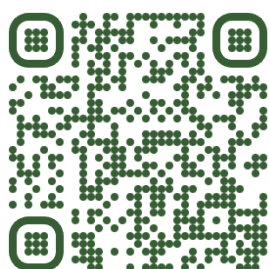
b) What should we do about self-control in an era of self-actualisation?

- i. We should expect the Spirit of God to enable us to be self-controlled (Gal 5:22-23)
- ii. We should practise self-control after the example of the Lord Jesus (Phil 2:12)

c) For what can we hope about self-control in an era of self-actualisation?

- i. Our heavenly Father promises that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us when we fail to exercise self-control (Heb 7:25)
- ii. At the resurrection we will be given new bodies freed from sin, death and evil (Rom 8:23-25)

PART 2: DISCUSSING PRACTICALITIES



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