

Sermon Outline: 11.19.17

Series Title: **Journey With Jesus**
Sermon Title: ***Let My Life Song Sing With Temperance***
Sermon Text: 2nd Peter 1:5-8

(2nd Peter 1:5-8) (Psalm 40:3)

(The brief outline below is a review of last three weeks.)

Let My Life Song Sing With...

Faith

To believe in God
To believe God
To act on that belief

Virtue = Moral Excellence

Character & Reputation
 Good thoughts
 Good feelings
 Good actions

Knowledge

The Root of Understanding & Wisdom
 Guards from the enemy
 Guides into God's will
 Gives ability to teach
 Glorifies the One who is Truth
 Guarantees assurance of salvation

(Today's outlines begin below.)

Let My Life Song Sing With Temperance

Temperance...

not extreme or excessive;
moderate in indulgence of appetite or desire;
to exercise restraint;
Self-Control.

(Galatians 5:23)

Lewis Smedes: "Self-control is like the conductor of a symphony orchestra. Under the conductor's baton, the multitude of musicians can play the right notes at the right time at the right volume so that everything sounds just right."

(Proverbs 25:28)

Aristotle: *“I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies; for the hardest victory is the victory over self.”*

Harry Fosdick: *“No steam or gas drives anything until it is confined. No Niagra is turned into light and power until it is tunneled. No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated, disciplined.”*

(1st Corinthians 9:25)

Where and how do we cultivate temperance?

The Mind – Guard It

(2nd Corinthians 10:5) (Proverbs 4:23)

The Mouth – Shut It

(Ephesians 4:29) (James 1:19-20)

The Eyes – Avert Them

(Job 31:1) (Proverbs 23:31-32) (Psalm 101:3)

The Attitude – Check It

(Proverbs 16:18) (Proverbs 29:23)