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Proverbs 25:28, **“He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.”**

Imagine a city, an ancient one of biblical times, which had fallen on hard times. So hard were things that the city was no longer able to defend itself against any enemy, having no control over its impoverished citizens of whether they came or went, as it had no walls - no place for watchmen to stand and cry out when the enemy was near. This city had lost total control.

Now, imagine one of God’s children who has totally lost control of their own spirit and has allowed doubt, worry, fear, and apathy to take over their lives. Perhaps you know of someone just like this! He/she no longer has any **“...rule over his own spirit”**.

Solomon likens such a person to **“a city that is broken down, and without walls.”** Knowing as we all do the number of different enemies we must confront in life, it is not good to face them without walls of defense. A servant in this condition would be known as unfaithful and unwise to He whom hath made all things.

Matthew 24:45 says, **“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.”** The Lord has given us a body which is to be the **“temple of the living God”** (II Corinthians 6:16) and we are to keep it under control to His honor.

Philippians 4:8 says we are to think on whatsoever things are true and honest, are just and pure, are lovely and of good report. As a wise city which plans and works well for all those who remain within its walls, our minds should be dwelling on **“...those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you”** (Philippians 4:9).

Faith, hope and charity, with the help of the Lord, make great walls of defense for your spirit. Your faith must be in Christ (the giver of all good and perfect gifts). You must remember wherein your hope lies (in Christ Jesus). And, that without charity we are likened to **“sounding brass; or a tinkling cymbal”** (I Corinthians 13:1). There is no worse NOISE to be heard than when brass and cymbals are totally out of control. Simply put, it is just not profitable. If your body (self) is not under proper subjection (control), the help you need can be found in our Lord - our Wall of Defense. We would all do well to **“Think About It”!**