

- Autonomy: freedom from external control or influence; independence in one's thoughts or actions; the fact or condition of being autonomous; self-government; independence or freedom, as of the will or one's actions; self-directing freedom and especially moral independence; personal autonomy. Synonyms are self-government, self-rule, home rule, self-determination, independence, sovereignty, freedom.
- The biblical concept of freedom in Christ: Freedom in Christ is walking by the Spirit ... living fully and completely under the control and influence of the Spirit ... a lifestyle of freedom which is a direct contradiction to the concept of freedom as conceived in the natural mind (the lower ways of earth)—the illusion of freedom, moral independence and personal autonomy that not only does not grant freedom but blinds and imprisons those who insist on self-rule in rejecting the sovereignty of an Almighty God.

The Fruit of the Spirit ... is self-control.

