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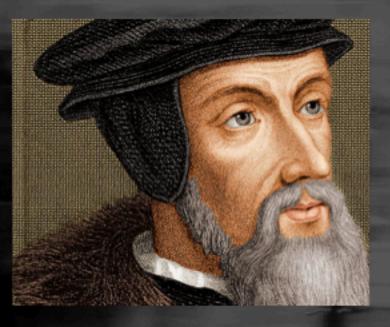
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John Calvin

. . .solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves



Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds . . . (vv. 2)

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

(vv. 13)

"Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." (Gen 3:11,12)

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Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

(Matthew 4:1)



No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)



But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

(vv.14-15)



C.S. Lewis

For spiritual nature, like bodily nature, will be served; deny it food and it will gobble poison.



homework habits mediated the effect of self-control on classroom engagement and homework completion. Study 5 was a prospective longitudinal study of leanage youth who participated in a 5-day mediation netreat. Better self-control before the retreat predicted stronger mediatrion habits 3 months after the retreat, and habits mediated the effect of self-control on successfully accomplishing mediation practice goals. Finally, in Study 6, study habits mediated the effect of self-control on homework completion and 2 objectively measured long-term academic outcomes: grade point average and first-year college pensistence. Collectively, these results suggest that beneficial long-term academic outcomes: grade point average and first-year college pensistence. Collectively, these results suggest that beneficial

habits-perhaps more so than effortful inhibition-are an important factor linking self-control with positive life outcomes.

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People who are good at self-control ... seem to be structuring their lives in a way to avoid having to make a self-control decision in the first place.



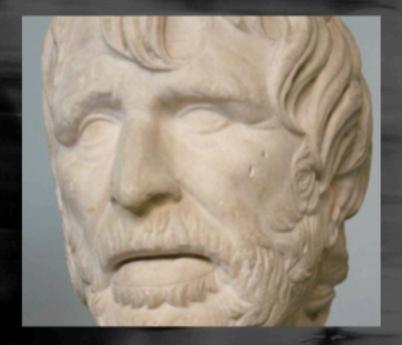
Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

(vv. 16-18)

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Hesiod (7th c. BC)

Invite your friend, but not your enemy, to dine; especially be cordial to your neighbour

Love your friends,
visit those who visit you,
and give to him who gives,
but not, if he does not.
We give to a generous person,
but no-one gives to someone who is
stingy







Tim Kreider

If we want the rewards of being loved we have to submit to the mortifying ordeal of being known.



