

Self Hyphenated Life
3 John

There are at least _____ words in the English language that start with self and a hyphen.

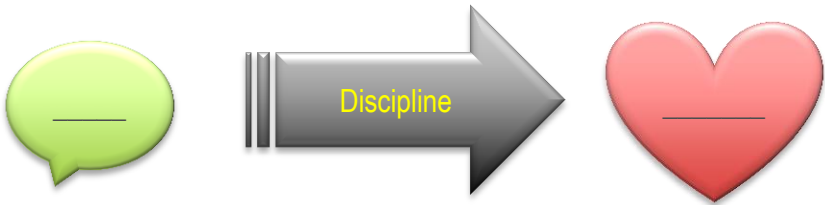
*It is woven of the fine threads of the self-life,
the hyphenated sins of the human spirit.*

What word would you put after 'self and a hyphen' that would best describe you?

1. Gaius – The Self-_____ – vss. 1-8

Faithful to the truth – One who has made a decided resolute decision to accomplish whatever is necessary to the one they have given their loyalty.

Self- Discipline is _____ something bad enough.



I discipline my life not so that _____ will love me more, because He cannot, but that I can learn to _____ Him more.

_____ – I can fully appreciate all the wisdom and grace of God in my life and I share with others.

_____ **chosen, discipline is absolute freedom.** Ron Serino

2. Demetrius – The _____ – vs. 12

Self-denial – to refuse to _____ my desires or “needs.”

Testimony - the first 2 times it is used.

- Martyreo – Witness

Testimony – the third time

Martyria – willing to give approval of something that could invite death.

We get the word Martyr from this Greek word.

One who lives their life in such a way, that it is clear that he identifies with Jesus has integrity.

_____ is the quality of being undivided. (Not a hypocrite.)

Putting that together, it is someone who lives consistently by the principles of the Word of God.

They are allowing God to make them whole and complete.

(Satan seeks to divide and make us a fraction of a person we can be.)

“Integrity, the choice between what’s convenient and what’s right.”

Tony Dungy

3. Diotrophes – The _____ – vss. 9-11

3.1 Self-_____ – failure to recognize reality

No person will live in truth until they deal with the brutal facts.

What are the brutal facts that I need to face?

What needs to change?

3.2 Self-_____

- preoccupied with one's own everything.

They use criticism as a cloak for envy to bring someone down to their level or beneath them.

3.3 Self-_____

- having a unfounded certainty that one is totally correct or morally superior.

3.4 Self-_____

- indulging or satisfying ones own desires

Blind spots can only be removed when a person stops being self-centered and is willing to live a life of self-denial and self-discipline.

Application:

So, what word do you place after self- _____?

Self-Denial

Willing to live according to the principles of God whatever the cost.

Desiring God to unite my divided heart to make God awesome!
(Ps. 86:11)

Do you have a divided heart?

What do you value greater than God making you whole?

Self – Discipline

You always give up to gain.

It is not that we don't desire to gain, it is that we are unwilling to let go and trust God.

Self-discipline is wanting something bad enough.

Check out your desires....what do you love more than Jesus?