

## GALATIANS 5:23 – Is SELF-CONTROL OPTIONAL? ESV

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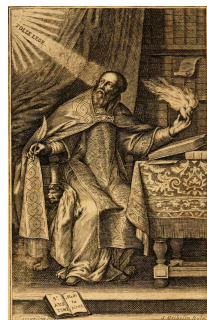


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### CONCLUSION

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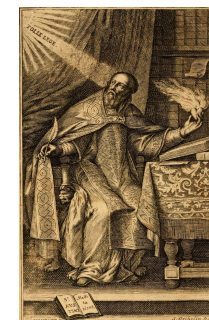


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