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"I know the plans I have for you..." (Jer.29:11)

Gen. 49:28 - These are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them; he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

Reuben

How can you develop self-control?

1. Yield to the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control.

2. Show self-control in "small things."

Luke 16:10 - "If you're faithful in little things, you'll be faithful in large ones. But if you're unrighteous in little things, you'll be unrighteous with much."

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Simeon and Levi

Genesis 49:5-7 - "Simeon and Levi are two of a kind; their weapons are instruments of *violence*. May I never join in their meetings; may I never be a party to their plans. For in their *anger* they murdered men, and they crippled oxen just for sport. A curse on their *anger*, for it's fierce; a curse on their *wrath*, for it's *cruel*. I'll scatter them among the descendants of Jacob; I'll disperse them throughout Israel."

Ephesians 4:26-27 - Be angry and don't sin; don't let the sun go down on your anger, and *don't give the devil an opportunity*.

Ephesians 4:31-32 - Let all bitterness, *rage and anger*... be put away from you, (*) along with all malice. Be *kind* and *compassionate* to one another, *forgiving* each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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Judah

Genesis 38:26 - Judah said, "She is more righteous than I am, because I didn't arrange for her to marry my son Shelah." And Judah never slept with Tamar again.

Gen. 44:33 - "Please let me stay here as a slave instead of the boy, and let the boy go with his brothers."
