

**SELF-DEFENSE:**

Justifying of self

The defending of your own ideas, principles, or actions.

**WHY I PUT SELF-DEFENSE ON THE SHELF**

**1. BECAUSE GOD DEFENDS ME \_\_\_\_\_**

*My God is my protection, and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; he defends me and keeps me safe. He is my savior.*  
 2 Sam. 22:3 (GN)

**2. BECAUSE JESUS DEFENDS ME \_\_\_\_\_**

*If anyone sins against someone else, God can defend the one who is wrong; but who can defend someone who sins against the LORD?*  
 1 Sam. 2:25 (GN)

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*  
 1 John 2:1

**3. IT'S ALL ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_**

*The LORD alone is God; God alone is our defense.*  
 2 Sam. 22:32 (GN)

*The LORD says, "Whoever loves me, I will save. I will protect those who know me. They will call to me, and I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.*  
 Psa. 91:14-15 (NCV)

*The LORD is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.*  
 Psa. 118:14

**1. LIVE A \_\_\_\_\_**

*As far as God is concerned there is a sweet, wholesome fragrance in our lives. It is the fragrance of Christ within us, an aroma to both the saved and the unsaved all around us.*  
 2 Cor. 2:15 (LB)

**2. LIVE OUT \_\_\_\_\_**

*I am proud of the Good News, because it is the power God uses to save everyone who believes... it begins and ends with faith. As the Scripture says, "But those who are right with God will live by trusting in him."*  
 Rom. 1:16-17 (NCV)

**3. EXERCISE \_\_\_\_\_**

*When we are persecuted, we take it patiently and endure it.*  
 1 Cor. 4:12 (AMP)

*No temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance... But God is faithful and will always also provide the way out, that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently.*  
 1 Cor. 10:13 (AMP)

**4. PRACTICE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Since you have been chosen by God... you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them, but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently.*  
 Col. 3:12 (LB)

**5. EXPRESS \_\_\_\_\_**

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be people of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.*  
 1 Cor. 16:13-14

**6. BE FILLED WITH \_\_\_\_\_**

*We have proved ourselves to be what we claim by our wholesome lives and by our understanding of the Gospel and by our patience. We have been kind and truly loving and filled with the Holy Spirit.*  
 2 Cor. 6:6 (LB)