

Godliness

Read Titus 2: 11 - 13

How should we live?

If you're looking for Jesus to return soon, how will you act?

What are some "worldly lusts" people go after?

What kinds of things does a *worldly* person say?

How does a *Godly* person talk?

Is it possible to be a little bit Godly and a little bit worldly? Why or why not?

Look up each verse and write what pleases God.

1 Timothy 2:8 _____

James 1: 27 _____

James 3:17 _____

OPENER -- OBJECT LESSON

Needed: a picture of a body-builder
 a bankbook or brochure advertising high yield investments
 a picture of a movie star or rock star

SHOW picture of body-builder.

ASK: What do they want to gain?

They want to gain strength and muscles.

SHOW bankbook or investment brochure.

ASK: What do people want to gain by putting their money into a bank?

They want to gain interest, grow rich.

SHOW picture of movie star or rock star.

ASK: What do they want to gain from life?

They want to gain riches and fame, "the easy life".

The Bible says that *Godliness with contentment is great gain*, and that *Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come*.

These people seek to gain the things the world offers. They are *worldly*. But God has promised us in His Word that if we seek to be like Him and do the things that please Him, that He will give us a good life here, and also in heaven.

Jesus wants us to seek to gain the things that God offers. That is Godliness. When we do, we not only gain contentment and happiness *in this life*, heaven in the life to come.

The Attitude of a Godly Person

The heartfelt attitude of a person toward things that are happening around him or her helps us to understand the difference between godliness and worldliness. On the list below are several situations that happen in a person's life. How would you feel about each of them if they happened to you? Which attitudes are an example of godliness in a person's life.

Fill in the numbered circle that describes how disturbed you would become in each situation.

1 = indifferent, not concerned

2 = concerned

3 = heartbroken

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| 1a | At the thought of a soul lost in Hell, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 1b | At a scratch on my favorite CD, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 2a | At missing Sunday school, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 2b | At missing a really good paying weekend job, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 3a | At a sermon that goes ten minutes too long, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 3b | At having to wait an extra half hour to eat lunch, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 4a | At not spending more time in prayer, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 4b | At my tropical fish not growing, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 5a | At my Bible being unopened for days, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 5b | At my favorite magazine being unread, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 6a | At seeing that parts of the church are messy, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 6b | At my hair being uncombed and messy, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 7a | At missing a good Bible study, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 7b | At missing a trip to the beach, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 8a | At the millions who do not know Christ, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 8b | At not having nice clothes like my friends have, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 9a | At seeing pictures of starving people, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 9b | At finding that my favorite dessert is all gone, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 10a | At forgetting to tithe my earnings, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |
| 10b | At my allowance forgotten, I am . . . | 1 <input type="radio"/> | 2 <input type="radio"/> | 3 <input type="radio"/> |

Doing What Is Right

The lists below contain actions and attitudes that exemplify godliness and worldliness (ungodliness). Read through them and add any other qualities that you think of. There are also two lined boxes at the bottom of the page. In the box on the left, list as many godly people you can think of from the Bible. In the box on the right, list as many ungodly people you can think of from the Bible.

If a person is **godly** he or she is . . .

- Obedient
- Diligent
- A Peacemaker
- Truthful
- Consistent

A person is **ungodly** if he or she is . . .

- A Gossiper
- Unthankful
- Selfish
- Unreliable

Godly People

Ungodly People

Godliness Is Profitable

Godliness is can only be attained through a strong desire to please God. The following verses outline a godly way of living in our day-to-day lives. Find the verses in the Book of Titus, chapter 2, verses 1-13, and fill in the key words from the list.

accusers	fidelity	minded	salvation
appearing	holiness	not	Saviour
ashamed	home	obedient	sincerity
condemned	hope	patience	sober
denying	live	please	speak
discreet	love	present	teachers
doctrine			works

“But _____ thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be _____, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in _____. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh _____, not false _____, not given to much wine, _____ of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to _____ their husbands, to love their children, To be _____, chaste, keepers at _____, good, _____ to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be sober _____. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good _____: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, _____, sound speech, that cannot be _____; that he that is of the contrary part may be _____, having no evil thing to say of you. Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to _____ them well in all things; _____ answering again; Not purloining, but shewing all good _____; that they may adorn the _____ of God our Saviour in all things. For the grace of God that bringeth _____ hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, _____ ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should _____ soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed _____, and the glorious _____ of the great God and our _____ Jesus Christ.”