

Godliness

TEXT: Titus 2:1-13

KEY VERSE: Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. — 1 Timothy 4:8

We have been studying the progressive pattern for the development of Christian character (2 Peter 1:5,6). According to this plan, godliness follows patience. Exercising patience in the endurance of “fiery trials” will help bring about this development of godliness. Godliness is different from worldliness, and is only attainable through a strong desire to please God.

1. Explain what *godliness* means to you.

2. Using the following Scriptures, list some of the criteria of godliness that we can measure our lives by.

Acts 24:16

Ephesians 6:18

James 1:27

James 3:17

2 Peter 3:11

3. A person who is worldly is more concerned about things of this world than about spiritual or eternal things. The concerns of a godly person are the opposite. Give a biblical example of one godly person and one worldly person.

4. Physical fitness and exercise are major concerns in our day. However, 1 Timothy 4:7 instructs us to exercise ourselves unto godliness. What are some of the ways this can be done?

5. Today's text gives instructions to five different ages and classes of individuals. Name the five. What conclusion can we draw from this?

6. According to 2 Peter 1:4, Christians are to have a certain nature. What is it? When we have that nature, what do we escape?

7. What criterion should we use to discern whether something is worldly or godly?

8. "Profit" is an important word in business circles. Referring to our key verse, explain what you think is meant by the phrase "Godliness is profitable unto all things . . ." Be specific!