

THE CHALLENGE OF GODLINESS

The New Testament Challenge, Part 7

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“Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives’ tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

– 1 Timothy 4:7 - 8

GODLINESS: THE LIFELONG PURSUIT OF BECOMING MORE AND MORE LIKE JESUS CHRIST.

FOUR PRACTICES OF A GODLY LIFE

PERMIT GOD TO MOLD ME.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

– Romans 12:1 – 2

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM UNGODLINESS.

“And if there is no resurrection, ‘Let’s feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!’ Don’t be fooled by those who say such things, for ‘bad company corrupts good character.’ Think carefully about what is right, and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you don’t know God at all.”

– 1 Corinthians 15:32 - 34

2 Principles

1. The Principle of close associates
2. The Principle of thought before action

PURSUE GODLY ACTIVITY.

“Summing it all up, friends, I’d say you’ll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.”

– Philippians 4:8 - 9

PLAN REGULAR TIMES OF SELF EVALUATION.

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

– Galatians 5:22 – 23

Spiritual Fruit

My Score

(0 - 10)

Love	_____
Joy	_____
Peace	_____
Patience	_____
Kindness	_____
Goodness	_____
Faithfulness	_____
Gentleness	_____
Self-Control	_____

Memory Verse *“As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness!”*

- 2 Peter 1:3