

Launching Texts:

1 Timothy 4:7 exercise thyself rather unto godliness

1 Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

1 Timothy 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Preaching Text: Psalms Chapter 1

INTRO: Much is said in the Scripture about godliness. It is a requirement of God. Godliness means to be God like. Genesis tells us we are made in the image of God. God like---like God. *God is looking for some Daniels that know who they are. God is looking for some Ruth's & Debra's that will walk in holiness. God is looking for some Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abedinigo's that won't bow. God is looking for some Abraham's that won't stagger at the promises of God, and some like Peter to walk down street and even have his shadow carrying the power of God, and some like Paul who wont quit but fight, keep the faith and finish the race with joy. How can this happen? GODLY LIVING and that is what this message deals with.*

1. GODLY LIVING REQUIRES GUARDING OUR ACTION WITH THE WORLD Text Ps 1:1

Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

(Specific) 1-John 2:15-17 Love not the world neither the things that are in the world.. If any man love the world The Love of the Father is not in him. V16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of The eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. V17 And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abides forever.

1. Don't Listen to the ungodly

Mark 4:23-24 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. V24 And He said unto them, Take heed what you hear: with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you.....

2. Don't Stand with sinners

Prov 15:9 The way of the wicked (sinners) is an abomination to the Lord—but he that loves Him follows after righteousness.

3. Don't Sit with hypocrites

Prov 24:1-2 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. V2 For their heart studies destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

4. Don't Walk in sinfulness

1. By Ungodly Talk Prov 4:24 Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

2. By Ungodly Gawk Prov 4:25 Let thine eyes look right on, & let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

3. By Ungodly Walk Prov 4:26-27 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

(Specific) 2-Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from them among them (the ungodly), and be ye separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean: and I will receive you.

NOTE: IN GUARDING OURSELVES WE NEED TO MOVE FROM THE DON'TS TO THE DO'S!

Proverbs 4:23-27

(DO) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

(DO) Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

(DO) Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

(DO) Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

(DO) Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:

(DO) remove thy foot from evil.

STRONG WARNING FOR DISOBEDIENCE!

Proverbs 1:23-33 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.²⁴ Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;²⁵ But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;²⁷ When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.²⁸ Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:²⁹ For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:³⁰ They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.³¹ Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.³² For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.³³ But whoso hearkens unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

2. GODLY LIVING REQUIRES GIVING ALLEGIANCE TO THE WORD Text Ps 1:2

Ps 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

(Specific) 2-Tim 2:15 Study (the Word) to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

1. Delight in the Word

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Ps 37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord (and His Words) and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

2. Digest the Word

Jer 15:16 Thy Words were found and I did eat them & thy Word was unto me the joy & rejoicing of my heart.

1. Let the Word Guide You

Ps 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

2. Let the Word Guard You

Ps 119:11 Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against you.

3. Let the Word Gird You

Ps 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them.

4. Let the Word Grant You

2-Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen (let it be so), unto the glory of God by us,

Num 23:19 God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

3. Declare the Word

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he says.

1. Declare the Word to Dictate your Convictions

Rom 10:8 But what saith it (the Word)? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach (say what you believe and believe what you say)

2. Declare the Word to Decide your Desires

Ps 21:2 Thou (O Lord) hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah (meaning stop and meditate on this).

3. Declare the Word to Direct your Way

Ps 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delights in His way.

4. Declare the Word to Dismantle your Enemies

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, says the Lord.

5. Declare the Word to Dispel your Needs

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.

3. GODLY LIVING REQUIRES GRANTING THE ANOINTING FOR THE WORK Text Ps 1:3

Ps 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he does shall prosper.

1. The Anointing brings Filling

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.

John 7:37-38 ...Jesus said, If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. He that believes on Me as the Scripture says, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. This He spake of the Holy Spirit that they which believe on Him should receive....

2. The Anointing brings Fruitfulness

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain.

3. The Anointing brings Fortification

Acts 1:8 Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you & you shall be witness unto Me.

Phil 1:28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation and that of God.

See Psalms 91.....

4. The Anointing brings Flourishing

Ps 92:12-14 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat (anointed) and flourishing.

Closing CAUTION!

Ps 1:4-5 The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

GOD REQUIRES GODLY LIVING!