

# "The Practice of Godliness"

## *Lesson #1 "Holiness and Faith"*

- Read Preface, Chapter One and Two and answer the following questions.
- 1) There is no \_\_\_\_\_ compliment that can be paid to a \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_ him a \_\_\_\_\_ person.
  - 2) In **Titus 2:11-13**, what does the grace of God teach us?
  - 3) It is both the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of every Christian to \_\_\_\_\_ godliness, to \_\_\_\_\_ himself to be godly, to \_\_\_\_\_ diligently the practice of godliness.
  - 4) What does an ordinary and talented Christian have in common in pursuing godliness?
  - 5) Define the meaning of godliness.
  - 6) In developing our Christian character what do we usually fail to do?
  - 7) In our pursuit of godliness, what does having a strong devotion to God help us avoid?
  - 8) What is the difference between a godly and moral person in their good works?

## *Chapter 2 “Devotion to God”*

- 1) What are the three essential elements in our devotion to God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What is one of the blessings of the New Covenant in **Jeremiah 32:40**?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What should our fear of God focus upon?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) It is \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God if one’s heart is not \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What are the three ingredients of the fear of God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) A truly godly person \_\_\_\_\_ forgets that he was at \_\_\_\_\_ time an \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s holy and just \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) How much we \_\_\_\_\_ God’s love is \_\_\_\_\_ by how \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8) What is the heartbeat of a godly person?



- 8) Too often today, we listen to be \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_, to be moved \_\_\_\_\_ rather than moved to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) No Pastor could or should \_\_\_\_\_ through the Bible in a \_\_\_\_\_ space of a year or two. But \_\_\_\_\_ of us can \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ Bible in a year.
- 10) What is the difference between reading and studying the Bible?
- 11) What are we doing when we study the Bible?
- 12) What does storing up God's Word in our hearts and minds do for us?
- 13) What does it mean to meditate on God's Word?
- 14) Meditating on Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ our understanding, \_\_\_\_\_ our affections and \_\_\_\_\_ our wills.
- 15) What is absolutely essential in our walk with God?
- 16) Our goal is \_\_\_\_\_, not proficiency in ministry, but a \_\_\_\_\_ devotion and \_\_\_\_\_ character.



8) What is the meaning of “quiet time”?

9) What is the ultimate test of our devotion to God?

10) Why do our sins appear worse to us later in our Christian life, yet they are not outwardly noticeable?

11) How does our desire for God grow?

12) Why will our desire to know to Him never be exhausted?

13) Too many of us \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ structure of character and conduct without taking the time to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ foundation of devotion to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Quote:** We should want both “Christ-Centeredness” and “Christlikeness.” **Jerry Bridges**

**Psalms 86:11** Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.



8) What does putting off and putting on in **Ephesians 4:22-24** means?

9) What is meant by godly character in balance?

10) What are we to do in areas we have grown in?

11) In our training for godliness, what do we need to be aware of?

12) What are we to do to keep from being discouraged in our journey in holiness?

13) How does the Holy Spirit lead us in godliness?



8) We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ about our own \_\_\_\_\_, abilities, and \_\_\_\_\_.

9) How is humility manifested toward others?

10) What is the meaning of submission toward others?

11) When we serve one another, what is our goal?

12) What does it mean to honor others?

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## Lesson #6 "Contentment"

**1 Timothy 6:6** " Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

Read Chapter Seven and answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the meaning of Contentment?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ person experiences the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_ and the sufficiency of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for their circumstances.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) List areas we need to learn contentment in?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What is discontentment?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What is Covetousness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) God's \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ changed!
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) What is the only acceptable motivation for our work?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8) Contentment lies not in being \_\_\_\_\_, but in being \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the function God has \_\_\_\_\_ us to in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

9) What truth helps us to be content with our lot in the Body of Christ? (Support with Scripture)

10) List three things we need to realize to help us be content with our position in the Body of Christ?

11) What and how should believers go about our work in the world?

12) Why do we have problems in the world?

13) What is the meaning of the Providence of God?

14) What is the “secret” to being content in all our circumstances?

15) Explain the two meanings of the word “Grace” in the New Testament?



8) Our thanksgiving is the normal result of what?

9) What is the primary purpose of giving thanks to God?

10) What is the tendency of the human heart in regards to thankfulness?

11) “Thankfulness is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit’s \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts. He \_\_\_\_\_ us a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, but He \_\_\_\_\_ this through our \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.”

12) Thanksgiving should be a regular part of what?

13) How is the work of Transformation done?

**Psalm 92:1-2** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

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## *Lesson #8 "Joy"*

**Romans 14:17** "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Read Chapter Nine and answer the following questions.

- 1) We are not to \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_ to make us joyful. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to be joyful \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- 2) What are some of the stumbling-blocks that hinder our joy in Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is essentially the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What should we do when we do not have joy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What is the opposite of rejoicing in the Lord?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What must our joy be grounded in?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) What is the common ground for the humble versus famous Christian?

8) What happens when we lose God's intended results in chastening?

9) What is the secret of maintaining joy in chastening?

10) Why does God allow trials in our lives?

11) What is the source of Christian joy?

12) When does the Bible come alive and effectually help us?

13) List four practical aids that can help us have joy in our lives.

14) What are the results of Joy in our lives?

**Remember:** Lack of joy is practical atheism, for it ignores God and His attributes.



- 8) What extremes will we fall into if we do not develop biblically based convictions?
- 9) “A conviction is \_\_\_\_\_ truly a \_\_\_\_\_ unless it includes a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ by what we \_\_\_\_\_ to believe.”
- 10) In our walk toward holiness what commitments do we need to make?
- 11) How should we measure sin?
- 12) In our pursuit of holiness, where do our choices come into play?
- 13) How do we allow the Holy Spirit to change our hearts?
- 14) So often when we \_\_\_\_\_ we are \_\_\_\_\_ vexed at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our self-esteem than we are \_\_\_\_\_ at God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15) Why does it take practice to develop a God-centered motivation of life?



8) “God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ self-control is absolute \_\_\_\_\_ outside of the \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.”

9) What verses would you use on how we should govern our thought life?

10) How and what are we to discipline regarding our thought life?

11) “The \_\_\_\_\_ life, is the \_\_\_\_\_ line of \_\_\_\_\_ in the battle of self-control.”

12) What do all sinful emotions have in common?

13) How do we achieve sound judgement?

14) “The \_\_\_\_\_ of self mastery is to be mastered by \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ to His lordship.”

15) How is the ‘will’ strengthen for holiness?



8) Why has the character of being dependable fallen on hard times?

9) “Reliability is \_\_\_\_\_ just a \_\_\_\_\_ obligation; it is a \_\_\_\_\_ obligation.”

10) In **Psalms 15:4** how far does God want us to be faithful and loyal?

11) Who in the Bible models loyalty best? Why?

12) Why should we avoid “blind loyalty”?

13) Most of us are more \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ agreeableness to each other than about \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

14) What are the steps to developing the character of faithfulness?



8) In **1 Peter 5:7-9**, what are we to do with our anxieties?

9) How does Satan disturb our Peace?

10) Inner \_\_\_\_\_ and turmoil often \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

11) List some Scriptures that command us to be at peace with each other.

12) What is not true peace?

13) What are the steps to seeking peace in midst of conflict with a believer?

14) Why is it different in dealing with conflict with an unbeliever?



- 9) "Impatience with shortcoming of \_\_\_\_\_ often has its \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."
- 10) What is the patient response to the faults and failures of others?
- 11) We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body far \_\_\_\_\_ important than the petty \_\_\_\_\_ or disappointments of others."
- 12) What does Scriptural forbearance not forbid?
- 13) Where do we most likely need the most patience?
- 14) Why do we become so impatient regarding God's will?
- 15) Define endurance and perseverance.
- 16) List the three forms of adversity in the life of a Christian.
- 17) What is the motivating truth behind endurance and perseverance?



- 8) How are we to restore a fallen brother? Support with Scripture.
- 9) What are some of the synonyms for “considerateness”?
- 10) Why did our Lord get in trouble with the Pharisees in His dealings with people?
- 11) We are to \_\_\_\_\_ consideration to \_\_\_\_\_..., \_\_\_\_\_ as well as Christians.
- 12) Why is gentleness one of the least appealing to men today?
- 13) What are the steps to developing a gentle spirit?

**Quote:** “Remember to be tough and tender, tough on ourselves and tender with others.” Anonymous

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## *Lesson #15 "Kindness and Goodness"*

**Galatians 6:9-10** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Read Chapter Sixteen and answer the following questions.

- 1) Define "Kindness" and "Goodness".
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Kindness is ... our \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_ and the thoughtfulness that we can \_\_\_\_\_ to them, \_\_\_\_\_ incidentally.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Goodness ... \_\_\_\_\_ deliberate \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Our goodness should describe what?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) List some verses on the kindness and goodness of God.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What is the distinctive mark of God's kindness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) What does **Ephesians 2:10** teach us about good works?

8) What does the word “walk” in **Ephesians 2:10** suggest?

9) In doing good, “the challenge to us is to be \_\_\_\_\_ for these opportunities and to \_\_\_\_\_ them not as \_\_\_\_\_ or inconveniences but as \_\_\_\_\_ for doing the good works \_\_\_\_\_ had planned for us.

10) What was God design in our vocational calling?

11) What is the progression of our priorities in doing good?

12) What can we do to show kindness and goodness in our own homes?

13) “Goodness should be \_\_\_\_\_ to give \_\_\_\_\_, and thought, and patience, and even \_\_\_\_\_ not mere money and kind \_\_\_\_\_ and compassionate \_\_\_\_\_.” *George Bethune*

**Luke 6:35** "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

**Quote:** “True goodness is self-sacrificing, not only of money but of time.” **Jerry Bridges**

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## *Lesson #16 "Love and Reaching the Goal"*

**Colossians 3:14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Read Chapter Seventeen and Eighteen answer the following questions.

- 1) Devotion to God finds its outward \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ one another. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to God is validated by our \_\_\_\_\_ for other \_\_\_\_\_."
- 2) When does not loving someone become wrong?
- 3) How does God describe His own goodness?
- 4) If I \_\_\_\_\_ God I will \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_, and if I love other people I will \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ putting \_\_\_\_\_ interest ahead of mine.
- 5) How much does love give?
- 6) What does it say about love in **1 John 4:7-11**?
- 7) What should our Christian love be characterized like?
- 8) **1 Thessalonians 4:10** teaches us what regarding our love for others?

9) Godlike character is \_\_\_\_\_ the fruits of the Spirit as He \_\_\_\_\_ within us and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ personal \_\_\_\_\_.

10) What are the steps to gaining more love in our hearts and lives?

### *Chapter #18 "Reaching the Goal"*

**2 Timothy 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

1) "Desire without discipline \_\_\_\_\_ disappointment, but \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ breeds \_\_\_\_\_."

2) What was Paul's motivation in **Philippians 3:12-14**?

3) "Christ objective in \_\_\_\_\_ for us was to \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ sin, not \_\_\_\_\_ from its \_\_\_\_\_."

4) What was the reward Paul desired?

5) What are the two main traits of a godly person?

**Quote:** "True grace always produces vigilance rather than complacency." **Jerry Bridges**