

What Is Godliness?

What does it mean when someone tells you that you need to live a godly life? What is godliness? Godliness can be defined as a personal attitude toward God that results in actions that are pleasing to Him. It is a rich and deeply spiritual concept that goes far beyond simply good behavior. At its core, godliness reflects a life shaped by reverence for God and a commitment to living according to His will.

How do I know if I have a godly character? Let me ask some questions: Do you revere God? Godliness begins with a profound respect and awe of God. It's not just about obeying rules—it's about honoring God in every aspect of your life. In order to do so, I must grow more like Jesus. The apostle Peter wrote, ***“For to this you have been called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps” (1 Peter 2.21).*** Peter is saying we must strive to have the same character as Jesus. Thus, the godliness mirrored by Jesus involves cultivating virtues like humility, patience, love, and integrity. We struggle so much in humbling ourselves before others mainly because of our pride. The example set by Christ showed how He deeply humbled Himself before God. Jesus also modeled us the example of washing one another's feet to teach humility.

Is it easy to become godly? Does it require anything of me? Or do I just become godly when I am baptized? Paul told us that it takes training. Paul told Timothy, ***“Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness” (1 Timothy 4.7).*** Paul was implying that godliness required spiritual discipline. It requires intentional effort on our part to develop godliness. How do we do that?



We do so by praying without ceasing and giving thanks to God in all the circumstances we face (1 Thessalonians 5.17). We grow more godly by increasing our knowledge of God by studying His word then obeying it. It is possible for me to walk righteously before God. Many people choose not to follow Jesus because they say they just cannot live up to the godly life presented in scripture. But isn't that due to lack of knowledge? Paul was confident he could face anything in life as long as he had Christ (Philippians 4.13). Do I need more Jesus?

God's grace empowers me to live for Him. Titus 2.11-13 teaches that God's grace enables us to say “no” to worldly passions and live upright, godly lives. Godliness is expressed in the choices I make every day: How to treat others, how we respond to trials, and how we steward our time and resources. As long as I am trying to do the best I can in living for God, His grace covers the rest. Every believer is called to pursue godliness, and God has given everything we need that ***“pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence” (2 Peter 1.3).*** What about you? Do you need to work on walking more godly every day?

Gary

Am I Cynical?

John 7.20-24

1. What does the word “cynical” mean?
2. Do you know a cynical person?
3. Were there people cynical of Jesus and His teachings?

The Cynical Jews...

- I. _____ **Jesus (John 7.14-20).**
 - A. The Jews attempted to _____ Jesus’ teaching (7.15).
 - B. How did Jesus defend His teachings? (7.16-18)
 1. Jesus tells them His _____ is from God.
 2. How do you know if a teacher is telling the truth?
 - C. Why did the Jews dishonor Jesus? (7.19).
 - D. Since God knows our every thought and action, shouldn’t it drive us to be _____?
- II. _____ **Jesus (John 7.20-24).**
 - A. Of what did the Jews accuse Jesus? (7.20)
 - B. What one work had Jesus done? (John 5.2-18)
 - C. Why were the Jews so upset? (John 5.16)
 - D. Why was the _____ of the Jews _____? (7.24)
- III. _____ **About Jesus (John 7.25-29).**
 - A. The main question was “Who is Jesus?”
 - B. There were _____ in the Jews’ reasoning.
 1. First error, they said Jesus could not be the Messiah because He was from Nazareth and the son of Joseph and Mary.
 2. Second error, no one would know from where the Messiah came (John 7.27).
 - C. Jesus sought to _____ the crowd (7.28-29).
 1. The _____ of Christ.
 2. The _____ of Christ.
- IV. _____ **About Jesus (John 7.30, 31).**
 - A. Some Jews _____ Jesus.
 1. They wanted to kill Jesus.
 2. The _____ wants to kill anything and everything that _____.
 3. Everything in life is under the immediate _____ of _____.
 - B. Many _____.
 1. In spite of the efforts and influence of the enemies of Christ, many people still believed.
 2. Why?
 - C. In the case of Christ and the Gospel, _____ has always _____.

Conclusion: Do you desire to receive Jesus today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning church family! What a beautiful day to be together and worship. It is the Lord's Day, the day that He has made for us to come together to worship him, commune together, encourage one another and learn how we can serve Him, and others, better.

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R In connection with that idea, we will soon be looking to start up our fall quarter small groups in September. The leadership at WH believes that small groups are an effective means of helping us grow in our faith, in four vital areas:

1. Studying the Bible - many people feel more comfortable asking questions and sharing in smaller groups.
2. Building relationships in the family - we get to know the members of the group at a different level than we can in large groups.
3. Identifying and meeting the needs of members
4. Evangelism - visitors will often stay for the small group that meets here at the building, and some people are more likely to accept an invitation to someone's house to study with a small group than to come to Bible study on Sunday morning.

So, we need 4 or 5 people to host and/or lead a small group in their homes. The groups can meet anytime in the afternoon or evening on three Sundays a month (2nd through 4th Sundays), and the size of the group can be tailored to meet the ability of the host family. The host can be the leader, or we can have someone else lead the study, and a study guide will be provided each week.

Some of the ones that have served as hosts in the past are not able to take on this role currently, so we are looking for some new volunteers to meet this important need. We know there are many reasons not to answer this call, and really, only one reason to say yes. We are asking everyone to pray about this, search their hearts, and if you feel nudged to say yes, step out in faith and offer your time, your energy, and your home to serve God and the family here in this way. Please contact me if you are interested or would like to discuss it further. It's a sacrifice for sure, but isn't that what we are called to do? And believe me, you will be blessed!

-- Les



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Stephen Johnston

Song Leader - Alex Bartee

Song - Victory In Jesus

Song - He Gave Me A Song

Song - Our God He Is Alive

Prayer - Zack Brookshire

Scripture - John 7:20-24

Song - There Is A Habitation

Song - Because He Lives

Lord's Supper - Russ Jones

Prayer for Contribution - Russ Jones

Song - The New Song

Am I Cynical? - Gary Williams

Song - Hark The Gentle Voice

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Greg Ball

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Attendance



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, August 11

Psalm 138; 2 Chronicles 13-15

2 Thessalonians 1

Tuesday, August 12

2 Chronicles 16-18; 2 Thessalonians 2

Wednesday, August 13

Thursday, August 14

2 Chronicles 21-23; Psalm 92

Friday, August 15

2 Chronicles 24-25; Psalm 106

Saturday, August 16

2 Chronicles 26-28;

Last Week

Bible Class	152	Wednesday	123
Worship	206	Contribution	\$ 8,669.29
PM Worship	95	Budget	\$ 14,216.88

TIMES OF ASSEMBLIES

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM