



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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N 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:

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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 Keele

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

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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

2 Chronicles 19-20; Psalm 48;
2 Thessalonians 3

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; Psalm 2

Sunday, August 17

2 Chronicles 29-30; Psalm 95

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

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Kate Birdow 08/03/2025	Her first semester at college away from home.	A successful school year and for her empty nester parents, David and Stephany
Nancy Wright 08/03/2025	Has returned to her rehab facility. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Apartment 350, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and strength
Bridget Yawn 7/28/2025	Is improving. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Thankful for progress; may it continue
Chris Intharansy 7/24/2025	Will be in Thailand from July 28 - August 15. 1040 Blazin Bronco Trail, Haslet, Texas 76052	Safe travels and return
Mary Ann Poulsen 7/8/2025	Husband, John, passed away from complications of MD. 8413 Leo Court, Benbrook, Texas 76116	Comfort
Bob Willyerd 8/3/2025	Is back home. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Better health and healing
Mary East 7/8/2025	Has been put on hospice and is now home but very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength and healing for Mary, and guidance for Karen and Mark Brahn
Nathan Rutledge 6/29/2025	Broke his hip and is at home healing. 1213 Trammell Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick recovery
Wayne Lipham 06/10/2025	Is dealing with some eye issues that will require cataract and lens surgery. 6104 Silver View Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Procedures, recovery, and healing
Betty Kille 7/8/2025	Is continuing treatments if her body allows. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Strength, healing
Wayne Gary 7/13/2025	Is having focusing issues with his eyes due to fluid. He is getting better. He wants to thank everyone for cards and prayers. 9912 Edmund Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Patricia Emerson, Charles Stephen, Patricia Neisler, Kitti Davis, Mignon Bandy, Sue Carpenter, Nancy Wright, Chandra Mann, Bob Willyerd, Wanda Houston, Charlie, Louise and Dwayne Beagle, Aubrey Hallum, Betty and Bill Baumann, Lillian and Charles Kite, Joe and Jody Gentry, Jacki Jaso, Betty Adams

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Husband of	Pam Stom	Is in Baylor All Saints with breathing issues and is on a ventilator.	Healing 08/08/2025
Father of	Russ Jones	Had prostate cancer surgery this past Friday.	Successful surgery, treatment, and recovery 08/03/2025
Pam, daughter of	Judith Dillard	God knows what is needed.	God's blessings 08/03/2025
Paul Saxton	Member at Brown Street	Has health issues not limited to blood clots.	Healing and recovery 08/03/2025
Bailey, friend of	Lilly Scott	Had knee surgery on both her knees.	Quick healing 7/31/2025
Louisa Hooten, niece of	Mindy Markum	Has a bad sprain. 2317 Mt. Carmel Drive, Waco, Texas 76710	Healing 07/30/2025
Eric, Crystal and Will Intfen	Leah Bowie	Daughter/sister passed away on June 25, 2025. She was 20 years old.	Comfort for the family 7/21/2025
Misty Cliff, a friend of	Wayne Gary	Young mother who is having complication from surgery which has left her permanently paralyzed from the waist down.	Pray for healing physically and emotionally 7/14/2025
Mark Clary, brother-in-law to	Jeff Swan	Is undergoing radiation for prostate cancer.	Healing 7/11/2025
Dorene Helton, sister-in-law of	Vickie and Monty Bowers	No more cancer but she will continue her chemo for three more sessions.	Thanksgiving to God and continued improved health, help her handle the chemo 07/07/2025
Jon Silcox, step-father of	D.J. Keller	Was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer.	Healing 3/22/2025
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Has had a relapse of his brain cancer. His therapy is not working.	Guide the doctors to find treatments that will work 7/13/2025

Psalm 6

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath.
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am
languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD—how long?

Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?

I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.

Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my
weeping.
The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD accepts my prayer.
All my enemies shall be ashamed and
greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to
shame in a moment.

FAMILY NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

ENTIRE CONGREGATION

TONIGHT
6 - 8 PM



FOLLOWING EVENING
WORSHIP

GAMES, CRAFTS, PIZZA
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**HAS BEEN
POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

FOOD BANK STATS

JULY FOOD BANK STATS:

200 – Families Served
\$ 888.38 – Cost to WHCOC
7,709 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food

SUMMER BIBLE CLASSES

SUNDAY MORNING:

AUDITORIUM
DAVID BIRDOW: FAITH, FLAWS AND
FORGIVENESS:
LESSONS FROM KING DAVID

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

LOOKING UP: LARRY KEELE
LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

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WILL RESUME

September 8

**SEE VICKIE BOWERS IF YOU ARE
WILLING TO VOLUNTEER**

YOUTUBE LESSONS

Join our own David Birdow in "Walking Through The Scriptures" on **YouTube**. Simply search this title and you will be able to access his lessons. You will not be disappointed.

*Make every effort to
keep the unity of the
Spirit through the bond
of peace.*

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS:

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 BILL BAUMANN
5 MARK BRAHN
5 WAYNE TONG
6 BETTY WHITE
9 AMY TOMME
10 PAM TERRELL
12 PATTI MUSSELMAN
13 KAREN BRAHN
13 JEFF SWAN
14 JAMES BOWIE
16 AUBREY HALLUM
20 LOYCE GAZAWAY
22 LATRICE TUCKER
24 MILT BIRMINGHAM
26 DANNY LEE
26 BETTY WILCOX
28 DAN PRATT
29 LEAH SAVAGE
29 STEPHANIE BIRDOW
30 SAM ANDERSON
31 JAMES RILEY BOWIE

CHILDREN

27 JUDAH BOLT

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

16 RUSS & ELLEN BARTEE
17 DWIGHT & JUDY BLAIR
26 BOB & SHERYL WILLYERD
30 LES & DEATRA KEELE

New Summer Quarter Schedule:

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class:

Taught by David Birdow in the auditorium. He will discuss "Faith, Flaws, & Forgiveness: Lessons from King David."

Wednesday Night Bible Class:

We will have a guest speaker presenting on "Looking Up." This lesson will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend.



LOOKING UP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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AUGUST 13	LARRY KEELE	LAWRENCEBURG, LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 20	MIKE LANE	FREEMONT ROAD, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
AUGUST 27	ELI HINOJOSA	NORTH TARRANT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS