



# PERSONAL GODLINESS

**Denying Self - Godliness and our Relationship to God**

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## LESSON 1

### INTRODUCTION

- Intro.** 1. Sound doctrine and Biblical practice are very important --essential, in fact.  
2. However, we must not overlook the importance of personal godliness.

#### I. NECESSITY OF PERSONAL GODLINESS

##### A. Required. What reasons are given in Titus 2:11-15 for godliness?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

##### B. What are benefits of godliness according to the following passages?

1. 1 Timothy 4:7-8
2. 1 Timothy 6:6
3. 2 Peter 1:5-11
4. 2 Peter 3:10-11

#### II. DEFINITION OF GODLINESS

##### A. *Godliness is not:*

1. Mere outward acts of devotion (2 Timothy 3:5)
2. God-likeness. This idea is not far off, but it is not an exact definition.

##### B. Authorities on meaning of words:

1. Thayer: "Reverence, respect; in the Bible everywhere piety towards God".
2. W.E. Vine: "That piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well pleasing Him."
3. Emphasize "Godward attitude."
  - a. A compass always points north a "northward attitude."
  - b. The Christian always points toward God.

##### C. In view of this definition, what would ungodliness" be?

Note the contrast in Titus 2:11-12.

#### III. IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL GODLINESS

##### A. Not accomplished by

1. Membership in the right church.
2. Association with an active congregation.

##### B. Judgment is personal

1. Matthew 16:27
2. 1 Corinthians 3:13
3. 2 Corinthians 5:10
4. Revelation 20:13

**Conclusion:** Are you a godly individual? If not, you can be and the purpose of this course is to define and encourage development of that quality that will make us godly.

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## LESSON 2

### DEVELOPING PERSONAL GODLINESS

**Intro. 1. Review the definition of godliness in the last lesson. What is it?**

**2. In conclusion of that lesson we saw the necessity of godliness and were challenged to develop godliness in our thinking and in our lives.**

**3. In this lesson we shall see some ways of accomplishing this.**

#### **I. RECOGNIZE THE ENEMIES OF GODLINESS.**

**A. In the following passages, identify things that encourage ungodliness.**

1. Psa1m 10:4
2. Deuteronomy 32:15; Psalm 52:7
3. Isaiah 30:9-13
4. Romans 1:21
5. Romans 1:28; Colossians 1:21
6. Ephesians 4: 18
7. 1 Timothy 4:7
8. James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-16

**B. Can these enemies be overcome?**

#### **II. PRACTICE EXERCISES THAT ENCOURAGE A "GODWARD ATTITUDE."**

**A. Identify such practices. What do the following scriptures suggest as a means of developing godliness?**

1. Deuteronomy 31:11-13
2. Psalm 1:1-2; Joshua 1:8
3. 2 Peter 1:3
4. Psalm 32:6
5. Can you suggest other means of growth in godliness?

**B. What daily habits would you suggest should be formed to encourage godliness?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**C. Will daily habits assure godliness? Is godliness a habit? Discuss.**

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## THE GOD OF OUR ORIENTATION

## LESSON 3

**Memory Verse:** "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we can serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." Heb. 12:28

- Intro.**
1. Pagans were called "godly." Godliness toward idols degraded.
  2. Muslims claim godliness toward the God of Abraham. Misconceptions.
  3. The true God is revealed in scripture, especially in Jesus Christ.  
Constant study and meditation needed for accurate concept of Him.

**I. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 1:27; Acts 17:24-27).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (Ps. 95:6; Is. 64:8; 1 Pet. 4:19)?

**II. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 10:17; Acts 10:34; Col. 3:25).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (1 Pet. 1:17)?

**III. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 20:5; 1 Cor. 10:22).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (Ex. 34:14)?

**IV. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 4:8; 5:3).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (1 Jn. 4:19; 5:3)?

**V. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 19:6; Job 42:2; Mt. 19:26).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (Acts 26:8)?

**VI. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chron. 2:6; Jer. 23:23-24).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (Ps. 23:4; 139:7-10)?

**VII. GOD IS MAN'S \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 5:45; Acts 17:25, 28).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (Mt. 6:26-33; Mt. 10:29-31)

**VIII. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 11:33).**

A. Why should this encourage Godliness?

B. How will Godliness based on this affect our lives (Ps. 119:97-100; Is. 48:17; Rom. 16:27)?

**Conclusion: Knowing God is one of the first requirements of Godliness.**

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## GODLY RELIGION PART 1

## LESSON 4

**Memory Verse:** "Having a form of godliness, but denying its power. And from such people turn away" (2 Tim. 3:5).

### I. WARNING CONCERNING UNGODLINESS IN RELIGION.

#### A. Matt. 15:7-9

1. What indicates that this worship was ungodly?
2. What was its value?

#### B. 2 Tim. 3:1-5

1. What proves this "godliness" to be only a form?
2. Is such religion practiced in our day?

#### C. Jude 3-4; 17-19

1. What proves that these men claimed to be religious?
2. Cite 3 characteristics of those described in verse 4.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
3. Cite 3 more characteristics in verses 17-19.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
4. Are such people visible on the modern religious scene?

#### D. 2 Cor. 11:2-4

1. Explain Paul's "godly jealousy."
2. What enemies challenged the godliness of Corinthian Christians?
  - a.
  - b.

#### E. Col. 2:8; 20-23

1. What kind of teaching threatened the Colossians (vs. 8)?
2. What made the regulations of verses 20-22 objectionable?

### II. CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLY RELIGION (CONTRAST WITH ABOVE)

#### A. 1 Tim. 3:16-4:2

1. What are some basic facts of godliness?
2. What is said of those who deny these?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.

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## GODLY RELIGION PART 1 (CONTINUE)

## LESSON 4

- B. In contrast with those who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, what does a godly view of grace require (Titus 2:11-12)?
- 1.
  - 2.
- C. What is “pure religions” (James 1:27)?
- D. What is the focal point which unites the elect of God?
- E. What is necessary for union with God (2 John 9)?
- F. How does 2 Timothy 2:15 apply to this lesson?

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## GODLY RELIGION PART 2

## LESSON 5

**Memory Verse:** "...I write so that you day know now you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15).

**Intro.** 1. In the previous lesson, we learned that ungodly people often may become quite involved in "religion."

2. Godly religion involves acceptance of the reality and authority of God, recognition of Jesus Christ as His revelation to us and a purpose to deny ungodliness and live according to God's will as expressed in the example and doctrine of Christ.

### I. REASONS UNGODLY PEOPLE MIGHT HOLD A "FORM OF GODLINESS"

A. 1 Tim. 6:5; Jude 11

B. Jude 14-16

C. Suggest other possible reasons.

### II. WHAT KIND OF CHURCH WOULD YOU EXPECT UNGODLY PEOPLE TO PREFER?

A. What goals will they have for the church?

B. What kind of doctrine (2 Tim. 4:3-4)?

C. That kind of discipline (1 Cor. 5:1-2)

D. That kind of worship?

E. What qualities would they most want in a preacher?

F. What kind of activities would they demand?

G. Will they be most interested in the outer man or inner man?  
In the "here and now" or in eternity

### III. WHAT KIND OF CHURCH WILL GODLY PEOPLE DEMAND? (SUGGEST SOME SCRIPTURES)

A. What goals?

B. What doctrine?

C. What discipline?

D. What kind of worship?

E. What qualities will be essential in a preacher?

F. What activities?



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## GODLY RELIGION PART 2 (CONTINUE)

## LESSON 5

- G. Will they be most interested in the outer man or inner man? In “here and now” or in eternity? In the material building or in the spiritual building? In reputation with God or with men?

### SOME QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT AND SELF-EXAMINATION

1. How will a godly person feel about a church designed by and for ungodly people? Consider Deut. 12:29-32.
2. What opinion will ungodly people have of such a church as is described in (Section 3)?
3. Do you find yourself intimidated by their attitude?  
Should we make some effort to accommodate their tastes?
4. Examine your own motives and goals in your choice of a church, your worship, your values.  
2 Corinthians 13:5.

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## GODLY GOALS

## LESSON 6

**Memory Verse:** "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13

**Intro.** 1. One's goal in life is that which he pursues, regardless of the sacrifices that may be necessary. The goals one pursues in life will determine what he really is.

2. The goals of the godly and the ungodly are vastly different.

### I. GOALS OF THE UNGODLY (THOSE NOT INFLUENCED BY GOD) 1 JOHN 2:15-17

#### A. Lust of the flesh. Pleasure

1. From the things described in Eccl. 2:1-8 which would give physical pleasure?
2. What other things did he do for pleasure?
3. Is pleasure in and of itself wrong (See Eccl. 2:24; 3:12,13)?  
Is it a worthy goal in life?
4. What lasting value does pleasures have (Eccl. 2:1-2)?  
Is it a worthy goal in life?

#### B. Lust of the eye. Possessions

1. From Eccl. 2:1-8, which would gratify desire for possession?
2. Is it wrong to have possessions (Ecc1. 5:18-19)? When do they become our goal?
3. Are riches a worthy goal (Eccl. 2:10-12)? What are some reasons given?
  - a. Eccl. 2:18-19
  - b. Eccl. 6:1-2

#### C. Pride of life. Prominence and fame.

1. What degree of prominence did Solomon achieve (Eccl. 1:16; 2:9; 2 Chron. 9:22-28)?
2. Is it wrong to be prominent famous? When do they become our goals?
3. That makes fame an unworthy goal in life (Eccl. 2:15-16; 4:16)?

### II. THE GOAL OF THE GODLY: TO FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN IN LIFE

#### A. For what was man created?

1. Gen. 1:26
2. Isaiah 43:7
3. Acts 17:26-27
4. Rom. 8:29

#### B. Goals of God's Son

1. John 6:38

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## LESSON 6

### GODLY GOALS (CONTINUE)

2. Matt. 20:28

3. Luke 19:10

#### C. If this is our goal to life, what will be our attitude toward:

1. Pleasure?

2. Possessions?

3. Prominence and fame?

#### Thought Questions:

1. Which of the three goals in the previous section do you feel is most common in our day?

2. Which do you feel is your greatest temptation?

3. That can you do to control the temptation and reinforce right goals?

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## GODLY BODIES

## LESSON 7

**Memory Verse:** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable services (Romans 12:1-2)."

### I. THE UNGODLY VIEW OF THE BODY

#### A. What would an ungodly person who does not consider God think about:

1. The origin of the body?
2. The owner of the body?
3. To purpose of the body?
4. The authority over the body?
5. Future of the body after death?

#### B. What use would a person make of his body if his goal in life is:

1. Pleasure?
2. Possessions?
3. Prominence or fame?

#### C. What effect will be sees in ones appearance if his goal in life is:

1. Pleasure?
2. Possessions?
3. Prominence or fame?

#### D. Now do the ungodly view the death of the body?

1. What effect will this have (1 Cor. 15:32)?

### II. THE GODLY VIEW OF THE BODY

#### A. Now does the godly person view his body as to its:

1. Origin (Ps. 100:3)?
2. Owner (1 Cor. 6:19-20)?
3. Purpose?
4. The authority over it?
5. The future of the body after death (1 Cor. 15:42-44, 49)?

#### B. In View of All of This:

1. What does the Christian do with his body (Rom. 12:1)?
2. In what condition does he offer it?
3. What does he avoid? (Rom. 12:2)?  
How does he avoid it?
4. According to Titus 2:12, what does he deny? How does he live?

#### C. Those "profession godliness" will adorn themselves (1 Tim.2:9-10):

1. Not with:
2. But with:

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## LESSON 7

### GODLY BODIES (CONTINUE)

3. Apparel, therefore, will be:
4. It will be worn with:
5. Can you “tell a book by its cover?”

**D. How does the godly person view death of the body (Phil. 1:20; 1 Thess. 4:13)**

### III. HOW WILL THE UNGODLY AND THE GODLY DIFFER IN THEIR VIEW OF:

- A. Sexual relations?
- B. Abortion?
- C. Drunkenness?
- D. Tobaccos?
- E. Eating?
- F. Seductive or Extravagant apparel?
- G. Jeopardy of life for Christ?

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## LESSON 8

### GODLY BODY MEMBERS

**Memory Verse:** “And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.” (Romans 6:13).

#### I. GODLY EYES

##### A. What are some ungodly uses of the eyes?

1. 1 Sam. 18:9
2. Eccl. 4:8
3. 2 Peter 2:14

##### B. How are godly eyes used?

1. What covenant did Job make with his (Job 31:1)?
2. Ps. 119:8
3. Prov. 4:23-25
4. Suggest others uses:

#### II. GODLY TONGUE:

##### A. What are some ways in which the ungodly use their tongues?

1. Exodus 20:7
2. Prov. 6:17,19
3. Prov. 16:27-28
4. Matt. 5:22; 1 Cor. 6:10
5. Matt. 12:36
6. Eph. 5:4a
7. Suggest other misuses of the tongue?

##### B. How do the godly use their tongues?

1. Ps. 119:172
2. Prov. 31:26
3. Matt. 5:37
4. Eph. 4:25
5. Eph. 4:29
6. Heb. 13:15

##### C. A godly man will be slow to speak (James 1:19). What are some things he will ask himself before speaking?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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## GODLY BODY MEMBERS (CONTINUE)

## LESSON 8

### III. GODLY HANDS

#### A. What are some ways in which ungodly people use their hands?

1. Ps. 26:10
2. Prov. 6:17
3. Matt. 26:67
4. Matt. 5:30 (Compare with vas. 28-29).
5. Can you suggest some other ways?

#### B. What is the condition of a godly person's hands?

1. Ps. 24:3-4
2. 1 Tim. 2:8

#### C. How will the godly hands be used?

1. Prov. 31:20
2. Eph. 4:28
3. Gal. 2:9
4. Suggest other uses.

**Conclusion: What other parts of the body are to be devoted to God?**

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## GODLY ATTITUDES TOWARD MONEY

## LESSON 9

**Memory Verse:** "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:6-7).

### I. MONEY AND WEALTH NEITHER GODLY NOR UNGODLY

- A. "Unrighteous mammon" (Luke. 16:9) simply means "not righteously."
- B. How do the following passages show that prosperity is not evil?
  - 1. Gen 24:34-35
  - 2. Job 42:12
  - 3. Suggest other similar examples.
- C. What is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Tim. 6:10)?

### II. UNGODLY ATTITUDE TOWARD WEALTH

- A. What ungodly attitudes toward money are seen in the following rich people?
  - 1. Neh. 5:1-6
  - 2. Amos 6:1, 2-6
  - 3. Matt. 19:21-22
  - 4. Luke 12:15-21
  - 5. Luke 16:19-26
  - 6. James 5:1-3
- B. What ungodly attitudes toward money are seen in poor people?
  - 1. 1 Tim. 6:9  
What happens to those who have such desires?
  - 2. What are some of the snares into which they may fall? See Prov. 21:6; Jer. 22:13

### III. GODLY ATTITUDES TOWARD WEALTH

- A. To whom do all things on earth belong (Ps. 24:1)
- B. Whom does the godly man recognize as the source of his wealth (Deut. 8:18; 1 Tim. 6:17)?
- C. What instructions are given in 1 Tim. 6:17-19 to those who are rich?
  - 1. Are they required to give up all they have so they will be poor?
  - 2. What must they avoid?
    - a.
    - b.
  - 3. In whom must they trust? Why?
  - 4. What are they to do with their money (vs. 18)?
  - 5. What are they doing when they use their money this way?
- D. How do the following verses portray our giving?
  - 1. Prov. 19:17
  - 2. Matt 6:19-20



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## GODLY ATTITUDES TOWARD MONEY (CONTINUE)

LESSON 9

3. 2 Cor. 9:6-7

### IV. LIST QUESTIONS A GODLY PERSON WILL ASK WHEN THINKING OF SPENDING MONEY.

A.

B.

C.

D.

**Conclusion: Is it wrong to use some of what we have for our enjoyment?**

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## GODLY FAMILIES

## LESSON 10

**Memory Verse: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Jos. 24:15)**

### I. FORMATION OF GODLY FAMILIES

- A. What are the greatest concerns of a godly person seeking a marriage companion.
- B. How will the concerns of ungodly people differ?
- C. How may otherwise godly people be influenced to make wrong choices?

### II. GODLY HUSBAND/WIFE RELATIONS

#### A. The relationship

1. What evidence of ungodliness was seen in Judah in Mal. 2:13-16?
2. Whom does a godly person recognize as the 3<sup>rd</sup> party in a marriage?
3. What effect does this have on his attitude toward marriage? Consider Matt. 19:4-6.

#### B. Wives

1. What do scriptures require of a wife?
  - a. Eph. 5:24
  - b. Prov. 31:27
2. What reasons are given for this?
  - a. Col. 3:18
  - b. Titus 2:4-5
  - c. 1 Pet. 3:1
3. What attitude is likely in the ungodly toward such instructions?

#### C. Husbands - What is expected of husbands?

1. Eph. 5:31
2. Eph. 5:25
3. Eph. 5:28-29 (Implied)  
Who is his model in all of this?
4. Col. 3:19
5. 1 Pet. 3:7  
Why?

### III. GODLY PARENTS/CHILD RELATIONS

#### A. Parents

1. What are some ungodly reasons for wanting children?
2. What will be the primary goal of godly parents?

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## GODLY FAMILIES (CONTINUE)

## LESSON 10

3. Are godly goals important to ungodly parents? How will they view godly parents?  
How may this influence godly parents?

4. How can godly parents pass on godly goals to their children?

### B. Children

1. What reasons are given for obedience in Eph. 6:1?  
Col. 3:20?  
What reasons can ungodly parents give for requiring obedience?
2. What reason is given for honoring father and mother (Matt. 15:4)?  
Eph. 6:2?  
What meaning does this have for those who are not godly?
3. Why are Christians to care for parents and grandparents (1 Tim.5:4)?
4. If a man fails to provide for his own, what is his character (1 Tim. 5:8)?

## IV. GENERALLY

- A. What is common in a godly home (Deut. 6:4-9)?

- B. How will godliness affect hospitality (Luke 14:12-14)?

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## GODLINESS IN HUMAN RELATIONS

## LESSON 11

**Memory Verse:** "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what communion has light with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14.

### I. INESCAPABLE HUMAN RELATIONS

#### A. Family - Do we have a choice about being a member of a family?

Can we escape the responsibilities of such involvement?

1. What does Matt. 10:34-37 teach about priority in our loyalty?
2. When Paul saw his duty toward God, with whom did he confer (Ga1. 1:15-17)?

#### B. Government - Can we avoid citizenship in human governments?

1. List duties we have to human government (Rom.13:1-7).
2. What reasons are given for obedience to the government?
  - a. vs. 1
  - b. vs. 2
  - c. vs. 3-4
  - d. vs. 5
3. How many of the above reasons have meaning to the ungodly?  
What attitudes toward laws might be expected among ungodly?  
Is it conceivable that ungodly people might sometime obey a law which godly people would not obey? Explain Acts 5:29

### II. VOLUNTARY HUMAN RELATIONS

#### A. Education – Do we choose where and what education we will obtain?

1. What do these unconcerned with God most desire in a school?
2. What is the first consideration of a godly individual?
3. Does godliness demand selecting a school operated by Christians?

#### B. Employment - Do we choose whom we will work for?

1. Should we accept the opportunity to choose our employer (See 1 Cor. 7:21-23)?  
Why?
2. What are some things that would make some jobs unsuitable for one who is godly?  
Does Acts 5:29 apply here, too?
3. What are some things the godly man will most desire in employments?
4. How can one's job (especially yours) be used to glorify God?
5. How will godliness affect our performance on a job (Eph. 6:5-8)?

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## GODLINESS IN HUMAN RELATIONS (Continue)

## LESSON 11

### C. Marriage (Discussed in a previous lesson)

### D. Clubs and teams - Are these matters of personal choice?

1. What value can come from membership in athletic teams or other types of organizations?
2. What are some disadvantages for godly Individuals?
3. Will a godly person have as much time as others do for these?
4. What stipulations should be made before joining?

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## GODLINESS IN SUFFERING AND CONFLICT

## LESSON 12

**Memory Verse:** "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12).

**Intro.** Many today believe that if one is having right, everything will go smoothly. It is true that godliness will prevent some of the problems which the ungodly have to face, but godly people will suffer in this world. Their response to suffering is one of the clearest evidences of their godliness.

### I. PROBLEMS GODLY PEOPLE SUFFER

#### A. List some common problems which godly people will escape:

1. Ex. 15:26
2. 1 Pet. 4:15
3. Read 2 Peter 2:4-9 and list some whom God actually delivered from circumstances suffered by the ungodly.

Can we hope for such deliverance on occasions?

Always?

List some who suffered for the sins of others.

#### B. List some problems shared by everyone (godly or ungodly).

1. International and national :
2. Natural disasters:
3. On the job:
4. Neighborhood:
5. In our personal lives:

#### C. What may godly people expect in addition to the above?

1. 1 Pet. 4:4
2. Luke 6:22
3. Matt. 10:21-22
4. According to 2 Tim. 3:12, how universal will persecution be?

### II. HUMAN REACTIONS

#### A. What are some human responses to problems listed in (Section II B.)

#### B. Does the fact that a response is human or natural make it right?

### III. DIVINE REACTIONS

#### A. How did Jesus react?

1. What evidence do you see in Jesus or apostles that they allowed international, national, etc. problems to distract them?
2. Why did Jesus say His servants would not fight to defend Him (John 18:36)?
3. Write out Peter's description of the example He left us (1 Pet. 2:22-23).

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## GODLINESS IN SUFFERING AND CONFLICT (CONTINUE)

## LESSON 12

**B. Of what nature are we partakers (2 Pet. 1:4)?**

**C. According to the following scriptures, how will godliness affect our attitudes toward problems and conflicts we face?**

1. Matt. 5:10-12
2. Matt. 5:43-48
3. Matt. 6:25-34
4. Rom. 12:17-21
5. Phil. 4:4-7
6. James 1:2-3
7. 1 Pet. 3:13-17
8. 1 Pet. 4:12-19

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## GODLINESS IN DEATH

## LESSON 13

**Memory Verse: "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come(1 Tim. 4:8).**

### I. THE VIEW OF THE UNGODLY

- A. One of the saddest paragraphs in literature is a portion of a speech made by Robert Ingersoll, a noted atheist, at his brother's grave. "Life is a narrow vain between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of a wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word; but in the night of death hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.
- B. From this speech by an avowed "ungodly man":
1. What did he know of the past or future of man?
  2. What information did he acknowledge from beyond this world?
  3. On what could be base his hope that he could see a star?
  4. What value is the "rustle of a wing" which only love can hear?
  5. What did he need to give substance to his hope (Heb. 11:1)?

### II. THE VIEW OF THE GODLY.

#### A. Of Life - What do the following verses affirm about life?

1. Gen. 2:7
2. Acts 17:25-28
3. 2 Cor. 4:16-18
4. 2 Cor. 5:7-10
5. Luke 9:24-25
6. 2 Tim. 4:7

#### B. Of Death – How do the following verses depict death?

1. Job 14:14
2. 2 Tim. 4:6
3. John 11:11-14
4. 2 Cor. 5:1-3
5. Rev. 14:13

#### C. Of Life after Death – Of what do the following passages assure us?

1. Eccl. 12:7
2. John 5:28-29
3. 1 Cor. 15:42-49
4. 1 Thess. 4:15-17
5. 1 John 3:2

#### D. In contrast with the baseless groundless hope expressed by Ingersoll the godly man has hope that is well founded. On what is it based?

1. Rom. 10:17
2. 1 Cor. 15:20
3. 1 Thess. 4:14



# PERSONAL GODLINESS

## GODLINESS IN DEATH (CONTINUE)

## LESSON 13

### III. THE EFFECT OF THESE VIEWS

- A. What is the effect of the ungodly view (1 Cor. 15:32)?
- B. That is the effect of the godly view.
  - 1. 1 Cor. 15:58
  - 2. Matt. 10:28
  - 3. Phil. 1:21
  - 4. 1 Thess. 4:13,18