

BIBLICAL WISDOM #10 - CALLED TO GODLINESS

TITUS 1:1-4

Godliness should be in our born-again DNA, it is a family trait, and the family business. We should follow our examples.

I. DEFINING OF GODLINESS

- A. Simply: (REVERENCE), (PIETY), (DEVOTION), (HOLINESS)
 - 1. "God-likeness" - to be like God
 - 2. "God-less-ness" - to be like world / worldliness
 - 3. A tall order for a sinful race (ROM. 3:23)
- B. Godliness is impossible without the NEW BIRTH
 - 1. Changed life IN Christ (2 COR. 5:17)
 - 2. Proven change in Paul's life 1 TIM. 1:12-16
 - 3. Child of God is at war with flesh (ROM. 7:18)
 - 4. Our lives seek to please our Heavenly Father

II. TEACHING OF GODLINESS

- A. Baseball: Players must be taught more than rules.
- B. Godliness MUST be taught in Church (where else?)
 - 1. Pastor must lead by example TITUS 1:5-8
 - 2. Pastor must preach the TITUS 1:9
 - 3. Members must follow and grow in grace/knowledge
- C. Godliness MUST be taught in the Home (where else?)
 - 1. Fathers must lead by example (DEUT. 6:1,6-7)
 - 2. Mothers must support in word/deed
 - 3. Children must follow and grow in grace/knowledge

III. LIVING IN GODLINESS

- A. We are to present our bodies entirely (ROM. 12:1)
- B. This is the basic expected Christian Behavior
 - 1. In the aged men TITUS 2:2 (John)
 - 2. In the aged women TITUS 2:3 (Lois, Eunice, etc.)
 - 3. In the young women TITUS 2:4-5
 - 4. In the young men TITUS 2:6-8
 - 5. In ALL servants TITUS 2:9-10

IV. DEFAULTING TO GODLINESS

- A. Ungodliness is the default way of life (LOST PERSON)
 - 1. The way we USED to be (1 COR. 6:11)
 - 2. Life, ambitions, concerns, desires: In the World
- B. Default to HOLY LIVING / Examine oneself TITUS 3:1-8
- C. These things AFFIRM constantly - PROFITABLE!

REVERENCE (WEBSTERS 1828) - "Fear mingled with respect and esteem; veneration."

PIETY (WEBSTERS 1828) - "A compound of veneration or reverence of the Supreme Being and love of his character"

DEVOTION (WEBSTERS 1828) - "The state of being dedicated, consecrated, or solemnly set apart for a particular purpose."

HOLINESS (WEBSTERS 1828) - "The state of being holy; purity or integrity of moral character; freedom from sin; sanctity."

ROM. 3:23 - "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

2 COR. 5:17 - "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

ROM. 7:18 - "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."

DEUT. 6:1,6-7 - "Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: (6) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: (7) And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

ROM. 12:1 - "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

1 COR. 6:11 - "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."