

Discipleship - Session 10

Continue the 8 Characteristics Of A True Disciple Number 6 - Godliness

Things we will cover this lesson:

1. The mystery of godliness.
2. God is holy!
3. God is seeking a holy people!
4. We can live godly!

Assignment:

1. Continue ALONE prayer log. (One day -- 1/2 hour.)
2. Communing Word log.
3. Also go over the material you learned this session. Look up all the scriptures. Put this lesson to practice in your daily life.

Read again the 8 characteristics from 2 Peter 1

2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your **faith virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**,
⁶to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **perseverance**, to perseverance **godliness**,
⁷to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness **love**.

Characteristic Number 6 is **Godliness**.

Godliness

Godliness - Definition:

- Reverence, respect
- Devoutness in doing that which is well-pleasing to God.
- Doing that which you believe Jesus would do.
- Godliness is walking in holiness and righteousness.

Consider these passages of scripture on godliness:

1 Timothy 2:1-2 ¹Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 3:16 ¹⁶And without controversy great is **the mystery of godliness**: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. (NKJV)

This is a mystery that God has revealed through Christ. Only through Christ (as proven by the statements in this verse), can ungodly mankind become godly.

1 Timothy 4:8 ⁸For 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. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 6:3-5 ³If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to **the doctrine which accords with godliness**, ⁴he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, ⁵useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of gain*. From such withdraw yourself. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 6:11 ¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue **righteousness, godliness**, faith, love, patience, gentleness. (NKJV)

2 Peter 1:3 ³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, (NKJV)

2 Peter 3:10-11 ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness. (NKJV)

One of the clearest teachings in all the Bible is that God is Holy! Throughout scripture is a record of God seeking a people who will live godly. To be godly is to be holy. To be holy means to be set apart or separated to God.

Exodus 19:5-6 ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. ⁶And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and **a holy nation**.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." (NKJV)

Leviticus 11:44-45 ⁴⁴For I *am* the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and **you shall be holy; for I am holy**. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. ⁴⁵For I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy**. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 7:6 ⁶For **you are a holy people to the LORD your God**; the LORD your God has chosen you **to be a people for Himself**, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. (NKJV)

Titus 2:11-14 ¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age**, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, **that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works**. (NKJV)

Hebrews 12:14 ¹⁴Pursue peace with all *people*, **and holiness**, without which no one will see the Lord: (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you, ¹³so that He may establish your hearts **blameless in holiness** before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. (NKJV)

1 John 3:3 ³And everyone who has this hope in Him **purifies himself**, just as He is pure. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 7:1 ¹Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness** in the fear of God. (NKJV)

1 Peter 2:9 ⁹But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NKJV)

Leviticus 20:7 ⁷**Consecrate yourselves** therefore, and **be holy**, for I *am* the LORD your God. (NKJV)

How can we live godly? Answer: Obedience. Read the Word and obey. Be doers of the Word. (James 1:22) Commit yourself to always doing what is right in the sight of God. This is walking in righteousness.

Romans 6:19 ¹⁹I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so **now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness**. (NKJV)

Romans 12:1 ¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service**. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 7 ³For this is the will of God, **your sanctification**: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that **each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor**, ⁷For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in **holiness**. (NKJV)

Philippians 2:5 ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, (NKJV)
Learn of Christ. Learn to think and act like Him.

Psalms 4:5 ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD. (NKJV)

Psalms 11:7 ⁷ For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright. (NKJV)

Psalms 15:1-2 ¹ LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? ² He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; (NKJV)

Psalms 23:1-3 ¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. (NKJV)

Matthew 5:6 ⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. (NKJV)

Matthew 6:33 ³³ "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 15:34 ³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 5:21 ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJV)

Ephesians 6:14 ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (NKJV)

1 Timothy 6:11 ¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. (NKJV)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NKJV)

1 John 3:7 ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. (NKJV)

Read Psalm 112

SUMMATION STATEMENT: It is time for God's people to be what God intends -- holy! We are to daily walk by choice in doing what is right in the eyes of God. Only by knowing the Word of God and listening to the Holy Spirit Who dwells in us can we live godly. We must learn to perfect holiness in our lives. It is time for disciples of Christ to live in radical holiness!