

Session #1: Godliness and the Gospel

Godliness is: "A right attitude and response toward the true Creator God; a preoccupation from the heart with holy and sacred realities. It is respect for what is due to God, and is thus the highest of all virtues."

(MacArthur New Testament Commentary -1 Tim.)

- DEFINITIONS (Gal. 2:20)
- SCRIPTURE (2 Pet 1:20-21)
- GOD AND MAN (1Ti 6:15-16, Rom 3:23, James 4:14)
- SIN (Gen. 3:1-7, 1 Pet 1:16, Col 3:6)
- GRACE AND SALVATION (Eph. 2:8-9, Rom 5:8-9)
- TRANSFORMATION GLORY (2 Cor. 5:17.3:18)
- CONCLUSION

The Promise of Godliness

Devotional Homework Assignment

You will greatly benefit from “mining” the nuggets of truth from this passage on your own before session 2 of the retreat.

1. The word of God is all we need for life and godliness. In order to have proper context, please carefully read Prov. 2:1-22 in one sitting.
2. Focus on verses 1-5 and make a list of all the main verbs. These will give you the principles for Bible study
3. Carefully observe v. 6-8 and list the benefits God grants in response to someone who seeks to acquire godly wisdom.
4. The rest of this chapter lays out the “consequences” or results of applying oneself to embracing God’s word. Look carefully at each of the following sections, and make a list of what you learn:
 - Verses 9-11—“What you get”
 - Verses 12-19—“What you are delivered from”
 - Verses 20-22—“What you become”
5. Spend some time praying and meditating on these passages:
 - Ask God to reveal to you how you must change your habits, priorities, and walk to conform to His directives
 - Make a few notes of what you resolve to do in obedience to what you just learned and be ready to share with at least one person close to you who can keep you accountable... Just do it!
 - Bring your study notes to session 2

Session #2: Growing in Godliness

1. REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

- God's work and my work-Phil 2:12-13
- Put off and put on—Eph. 4:21-24
- Working definition: "Godliness is a proper attitude and response toward God"

2. THE ATTITUDE: DEVOTION

- Love of God- 1 Jn. 4:7-11, Col 3:1-4
- Fear of God- Rev 15:4
- Desire for God- 1Ti 4:7b-9

3. THE MOTIVE- 1Sa 15:22, Ps 51:16-17

4. DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING- 1Ti 4:7b-9, Ps 27:4-5

5. REVIEW OF "HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT"- PROV. 2

Session #3: Putting on God's Character

1. THE RESPONSE

2. THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS 1Ti 3:16, Jn. 17:20-26

3. THE CHARACTER AND CONDUCT OF GODLINESS

4. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: EVIDENCE OF GODLINESS

5. DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING

- Godly discipline
- Principles of Godly Training