

Grace Teaches Us Godliness

Godliness – ‘careful observance of, or conformity to the laws of God’, having regard for God, includes a voluntary dependence on Him; a godly life is characterized by freedom from doubt as to His wisdom, His goodness, His love, His provision; excludes all dependence on self.

Principles of Godliness

Are there any other verses that should inspire us to godliness? John 3:16

1. Complete dependence on God
2. A desire to do God’s will and thereby glorify Him

How does God’s grace teach godliness? Read Romans 8:32 and discuss how it relates a believer’s godliness to God’s grace (defined above). This is an unqualified assurance of God’s provision for every need. How could every saved person not exercise unfailing dependence upon His power and His love as expressed in His grace.



How much for God’s glory? – 1 Cor. 10:31 – all
Creator should be glorified by His works.

Appearances can deceive. It’s not godly living if it’s not done in dependence upon God and for His glory.

Complete dependence on God taught in many ways.

The just shall live by faith – Heb. 10:38; Heb 11:6, Rom. 14:23

Picture of faith – Abraham in Romans 4:18-21, he denied self-will, self-confidence, self-effort

We trust in God’s power, but we also need to trust in His infinite wisdom.

2 Cor. 5:7 – For we walk by faith, not by sight. – If we live by sight, we depend on circumstance. Circumstance includes our position in life, health, bank account, friends, family ties, and more. These things can be of great

value to us, but to depend and trust on them is not to walk by faith. To live by faith is also not to live according to reason. The essence of reason is dependence upon ones' own intellectual capacity more than God's wisdom and power.

God's faithfulness stimulates dependence upon Him – 1 Thess. 5:24, Heb. 10:23, Lam. 3:23, 1 Pet. 5:7, Phil. 4:19.

Definition: Sanctification - To set aside for a purpose.

Setting aside your life for God's purpose recognizes God's will as governing your life, signifying your dependence upon God.

We are to be God's instruments – Rom. 6:13 – All instruments must be yielded to a Master's touch to be valuable.

Prayer – the scripture is full of admonition to pray, reminding us of our dependence upon God.

Examples – 1 Thess. 5:17, 1 Tim. 2:8, Eph. 6:8.

In prayer, we express a need that we are unable to satisfy and acknowledges dependence upon God to supply what we need. In essence, we pray acknowledging our helplessness coupled with confidence in God to supply the need. To pray without ceasing is to maintain a constant attitude of dependence upon God.

'Giving thanks to always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Eph. 5:20). Only one who is completely dependent upon God can give thanks always for all things.

Prayer acknowledges one's dependence upon God in time of need; thanksgiving acknowledges dependence when the need has been satisfied. Look at the example of ten lepers in Luke 17:12.