

Godliness: A Relationship with God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Isaiah 37:31.

B. Jerry's favorite Bible character is Enoch. (Genesis 5:22-24; Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14-15)

1. He walked with God.

2. He pleased God.

C. You cannot have a relationship with God without it working into your life, and you cannot have a life that pleases God without having a relationship with Him. (Matthew 7)

1. As Christians, we are constantly both strengthening the foundation and building the structure.

II. Developing our relationship with God is strengthening our foundation. (Psalm 1:1ff)

A. There are two groups of people in this passage: the ungodly and the godly. Every individual is either governed by the world or governed by God to different degrees on a continuum.

1. The activity of the ungodly is not necessarily gross sins, but they are influenced primarily by the world not by God.

2. The activity of the godly person implies that he is influenced by the Word of God.

a) This person delights in God's law because he delights in God Himself. (Psalm 37:4; Psalm 27:4)

b) This person sees the Word of God as profitable and pleasurable. (Psalm 19:10)

c) This person meditates continually on the Word of God and how it applies to his/her life. (Psalm 119:97)

1) Try to develop a habit of thinking about the Word of God when you have the freedom to think about whatever you would like.

2) Pray scripture for people or situations in your life. (Isaiah 44:3, 54:13)

3) Meditating on the Word of God during the day requires that we memorize scripture. (Psalm 119:11)

B. The two groups of people have two different destinies.

1. The ungodly person's life counts for nothing.

2. The righteous person will be stable and productive because he/she has deep roots. (Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Application questions:

1. What do you think about when you think about anything that you want?

2. How does meditating on scripture strengthen the foundation of our relationship with Christ?

3. In what way is the Word of God profitable? How is it pleasurable?
