

THE GODLY MAN

“...Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” 1 Tim 4:7-8

I. Introduction

1 Tim 4:12-16

A. Background

Ac 20:29-30

B. Timothy's credibility

II. Show yourself an example

tupos - to strike a blow, to make an impression, to imprint

III. Evidences of godly character

A. Godly character is _____.
Ps 119:97-100

B. Godly character is _____.
Lk 6:45
Mt 12:36-37
Prov 10:19

Conviction: My words are to be seasoned, measured,
wholesome and honest.

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Seasoned - Col 4:6

Measured - Prov 18:13

Wholesome - Eph 4:29

Honest - Lev 19:11

C. Godly character expresses itself _____.
Prov 20:11
Js 3:13
1 Pet 2:11-12

D. Godly character must _____.

Mt 4:4

Job 23:12

E. Godly character is _____.

Greek word for train - *gymnasia*

F. Godly character is _____.

Lk 2:52

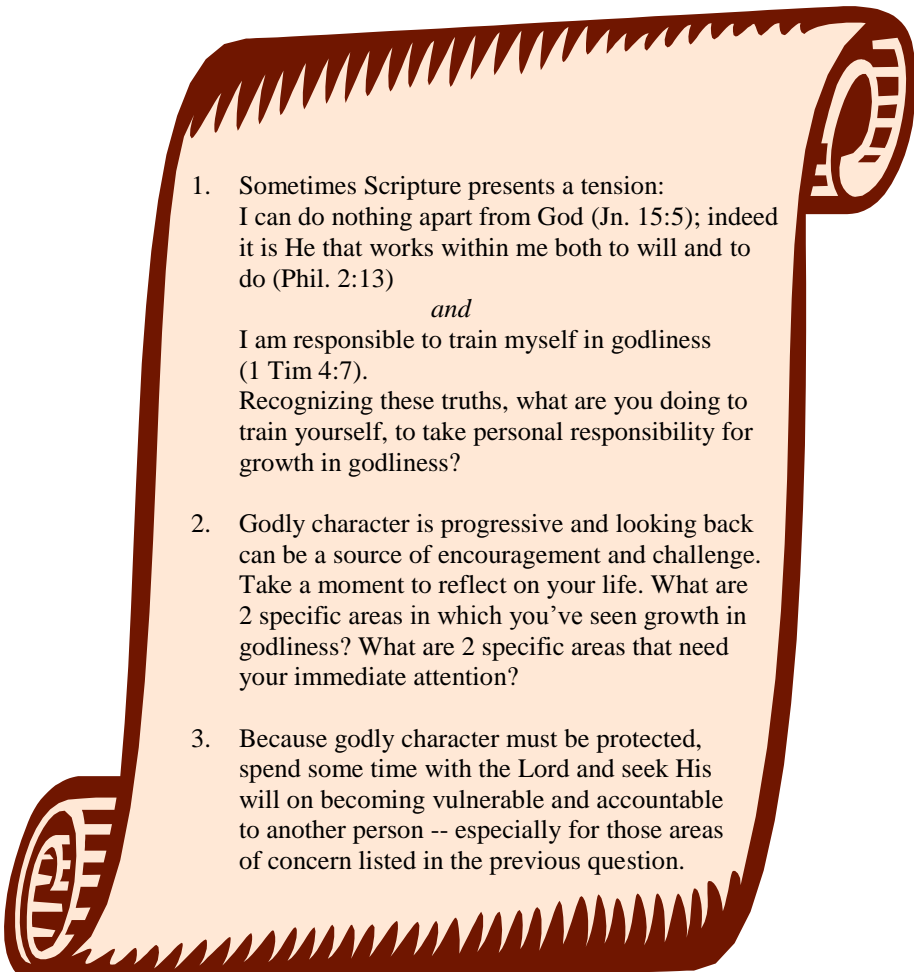
G. Godly character is _____.

Ac 16:1-2

1. By the choices we make
2. By how we handle disappointments and inequalities
Job 1:20
1 Sam. 3:18
e.g. B.B. Warfield
3. By how we respond to our enemies
2 Sam 16:5-14
1 Pet 2:23-24
4. By how we live when no one is looking
Jer 23:24
Ps 139:7-8
5. By how we do our aging and our dying
Acts 7:54-60
e.g. St. Polycarp

H. Godly character _____.

Prov 4:23

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1. Sometimes Scripture presents a tension:
I can do nothing apart from God (Jn. 15:5); indeed it is He that works within me both to will and to do (Phil. 2:13)

and

I am responsible to train myself in godliness (1 Tim 4:7).
Recognizing these truths, what are you doing to train yourself, to take personal responsibility for growth in godliness?

2. Godly character is progressive and looking back can be a source of encouragement and challenge. Take a moment to reflect on your life. What are 2 specific areas in which you've seen growth in godliness? What are 2 specific areas that need your immediate attention?
3. Because godly character must be protected, spend some time with the Lord and seek His will on becoming vulnerable and accountable to another person -- especially for those areas of concern listed in the previous question.