

## **IT PAYS TO LIVE GODLY: Godliness Is Profitable**

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- **Every believer should live a godly life and being growing in godliness-1Tim4:8-Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come**
  - Godliness definition-1. Piety-Highest degree of respect/reverence towards God; In practice it is obedience to His will and devotion to His service; 2. Holiness-Moral goodness, Purity of heart
  - To live a godly life is to demonstrate respect for God and goodness in character-Ec12:13-AC-All has been heard; the end of the matter is: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man [the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness and the whole [duty] for every man
- **Godliness is profitable**
  - Profitable definition-1. Advantageous-Any condition favorable to success and prosperity 2. Benefit-Whatever promotes prosperity and personal happiness
  - Living godly puts you in a position favorable to success prosperity-According to The Bible you going to be more successful, prosperous and happy if you live a godly life
  - Many will give you the idea that living godly is not profitable-They are against the idea that serving God would benefit you in prosperity and happiness in this life – Let the word be our answer
- **There are benefits from living a godly life**
  - Godliness is profitable in protection and provision-Ps34:7-10-The angel of the LORD encamps round about them that fear him, and delivers them. 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. 9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.
  - Godliness is profitable in being helped-Ps115:11-Ye that fear the LORD...he is their help and shield
  - Godliness is profitable in things going well for you-Ecc8:12-It shall be well with them that fear God
  - Godliness is profitable in prolonging your days-Pr10:27-The fear of the Lord prolongs days
  - Godliness is profitable in being kept from evil-Pr19:23-The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.