

The Power of Godliness

Text: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Introduction:

1. **Power** drives people (money, lusts, position) - Of the world (**1 John 2:15-17**).
2. **Power** of **godliness** should drive us - 2

Timothy 3:5.

- a. Form - “*Outward semblance*” - (Vine). - **Matthew 23:27**
 - b. **Godliness** - “*denotes that goodness which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him*” -Vine.
 - c. **Power** - “*used relatively, denotes inherent ability, capability, ability to perform anything.....used absolutely, denotes (1) power to work, to carry something into effect.....(2) power in action....*” -Vine.
3. **1 Timothy 4:7-8; 6:11** - Within **godliness** is the ability to effect the individual and society for God!



I. THE POWER OF GODLINESS UPON....THE CHRISTIAN - 2 Peter 3:11 (Acts of **godliness**).

- A. **Spiritual Growth** - 2 Peter 1:6-7.
 1. A life which respects God’s will. Devotion to God - to please Him (**2 Corinthians 5:9**).
- B. **Contentment** - 1 Timothy 6:6-10.
 1. Sufficiency, sufficient strength, enough.
 2. **Godliness** prioritizes our life!
 3. Minded to be godly.....rich? - **Matthew 6:24**.
- C. **Endurance** - 2 Timothy 3:11-12.
 1. The foundation for Paul's endurance (**Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:14-16**).
- D. **Moral Living** - Titus 2:11-14.
 1. Battle against worldliness won by godly living and looking for Savior!
- E. **Clothing** – 1 Timothy 2:9-10.
 1. Clothing must reflect the **godliness** we profess!
- F. **Over Hypocrisy** – (Our Text) - 2 Timothy 3:1-5.
 1. When **godliness** is within, hypocrisy will not be reflected without!
 2. **Titus 1:16** - Works will not deny God!

II. THE POWER OF GODLINESS UPON....THE CHURCH.

- A. **Our Knowledge Of Truth** - Titus 1:1.
 1. Truth produces **godliness** - We must know truth in order to live godly! - 2 Peter 1:3

2. Faithfulness in God and interest in pleasing Him will naturally turn us to His word, to increase of knowledge of His will!

B. ***Our Doctrine - 1 Timothy 6:3.***

1. Teaching consistent with godliness, in contrast with false teaching (**2 Timothy 2:15-18**).
2. Many doctrines against godliness today: Adulterous remarriages; silence against worldliness (social drinking, immodest dress, dancing, etc.); easy divorce, etc.
3. Our doctrine must reflect godliness!

III. *THE POWER OF GODLINESS UPON.....THE HOME* - 1 Timothy 5:4 (Piety same root word as godliness). -- **2 Timothy 3:1-5** ---

A. ***Obedience* (2 Timothy 3:2) - Romans 1:30.**

1. **Ephesians 6:1-2** - Right before God, Honor.
2. **Proverbs 1:8; 23:22** - Hear and obey - Blessed.

B. ***Thankfulness of Children* (2 Timothy 3:2).**

1. Parents give continual care for your growth, happiness and success - Respect your parents and show it!
2. Devotion to God helps to be thankful, not only to Him, but also to parents.

C. ***Natural Affection* (2 Timothy 3:3).**

1. **Romans 1:31** (love of kindred).
2. Where **1 Timothy 5:4** finds strength (requite)!

IV. *THE POWER OF GODLINESS UPON.....SOCIETY* - 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

A. **Nations Fall When Godliness Is Extinguished - Proverbs 14:34; Psalms 144:15.**

1. **Daniel 2:21** - God removes wicked kingdoms (*will remove this wicked nation, too!*).
2. **Matthew 5:13** - Preserve by godliness!

Conclusion:

1. We must be driven by the power of godliness! Begins with the individual - church - the home - the nation - the world!
2. **A life devoted to pleasing God can make a difference!**
3. Let the power of godliness work in your life!