The Power of Godliness

Introduction: **2 Timothy 3.1-5** the word “Godliness” is found in the KJV 15 times, and is used to denote character that is pious, devout and righteous. In our text, Paul declares that “Godliness” has “Power.” (Not a mere “Form” or appearance of godliness, but true “Godliness.” The purpose of this lesson is to examine the power of life that is lived in keeping with God’s will.

**I) The Power of Godliness Upon God Himself.**

**A) God is no respecter of person, Acts 10.34; Romans 2.11.**

1. God does not randomly accept some while rejecting other.

2. Black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, etc. do not matter to God.

**B) God does respect character, 2 Chronicles 7.14**

1. Bible provides many examples of God’s action in behalf of those who do His will.

2. Abraham

a) God knew what kind of person Abraham was, **Genesis 18.19.**

b. Abraham interceded for Sodom, and God listened to Him, **Genesis 18.23-32.**

i) Who else could have done what Abraham did in this case?

3. Moses was able to intercede for Israel, **Exodus 32.7-14**

4 In the case of David.

i. He committed a number of sins against God and are well documented in the Bible.

ii. Also recorded for us was David’s repentance and his sorrow, **Psalm 51.3.**

iii. God described him as “A man after mine own heart” **Acts 13.22.**

iv) God showed favor to David, in that He would not destroy Solomon’s kingdom in Solomon’s day, **1 Kings 11.12,13.**

**C) What evidence do we have that God will be moved by Godliness today?**

1. **James 5.16** “the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”

a. Not everyone can pray to God due to their sins and lack of relationship with God.

2. **1 Peter 3.12** “the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous”

3. God sees the godly and acts accordingly.

**II) The Power of Godliness Upon Those With Whom We Associate**

**A) It can cause others to “Glorify God” Matthew 5.16**

1. The Christians influence in **Matthew 5.13** is that of salt, and light, **verse 14**.

2. **Matthew 13.33** as that of leaven indicates our lives can influence others.

a. Our manner of speech, dress, attitude, honesty, etc.

3. It has the power to win souls, **1 Corinthians 9.19-23.**

a. There are numerous people in the “church” today because they were introduced to the Gospel by a Christian, they were invited to services,

b. They saw the life of a godly person and wanted that in their life.

**B) It has power in the home and family**

1 Jocebed, Moses’ mother, we see her influence on him in **Exodus 1-3**

a. She was able to teach him about God and his relationship with God despite he was living in Pharaoh’s household.

b. This is not to encourage mother’s to allow someone else to adopt your child and then try and teach them, but she was able to overcome the influence of others.

2. Hannah, Samuel’s mother, **1 Samuel 1.1-28**

a. She dedicated he child to God.

b. We don’t know how she handled every situation but we know she kept her promise.

c. Samuel not only knew about God but he knew God and his responsibility to Him.

3. The power to convert one’s spouse, **1 Corinthians 7.14-16; 1 Peter 3.1-4.**

a. This may be through Bible studies and asking the right questions.

b. It may be through your manner of life as they see your conduct.

c. It is hard to argue against a Godly life.

4. Power to “adorn the doctrine of Christ” **Titus 2.10.**

a. Our lives should show the beauty of Christ.

b. Others should be drawn to Jesus when they see Him in us. **1 Corinthians 11.1.**

Conclusion: there is no substitute for godliness. No amount of preaching, pretense at Christianity will off-set a shabby, ungodly life. Christ cleansed the church. Keep it pure. There is power in godliness.