

The path to a rich and satisfying life

GOOD VS. GOD

1st Peter 1:13-16 So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. 14 So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

Holiness is _____.

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2nd Peter 1:12-15 Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught. 13 And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live. 14 For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I must soon leave this earthly life, 15 so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone.

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1 John 5:3 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

Holiness is _____.

1. Our _____ for God.

John 14:15 (NASB) If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Galatians 5:22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love...

Revelation 2:2-4 I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. 3 You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. 4 "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! 5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.

2. Godly _____.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

Philippians 2:12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

1 Peter 1:17 *And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents."*

Hebrews 12:28 *Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.*

Exodus 20:18 *When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram's horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear. 19 And they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!" 20 "Don't be afraid," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!"*

• It _____ our world correctly.

Proverbs 8:13a *All who fear the Lord will hate evil.*

Proverbs 16:6b *By fearing the Lord, people avoid evil.*

• It helps us know that we are loving the _____.

Exodus 32:1-5 *When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. "Come on," they said, "make us some gods who can lead us. We don't know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt." 2 So Aaron said, "Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me." 3 All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, "O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!" 5 Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!"*

• It is the beginning of all _____, knowledge and _____.

Psalms 111:10 *Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!*

Proverbs 1:7 *Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Proverbs 2:5 *then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.*

• It makes us _____.

Isaiah 11:1-3a *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.*

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 Luke 11:13 *So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.*

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Proverbs 22:4 (Message) *The payoff for meekness and Fear-of-God is plenty and honor and a satisfying life.*