



Sunday 22 September 2013

PURSUIING GODLINESS
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES
I. IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS



SCRIPTURES

- 1 Timothy 4:7-10
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- Psalm 34:1-3

1 TIMOTHY 4:7-10

On the other hand, **discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;** ⁸ **for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.** ⁹ It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. ¹⁰ For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

PSALM 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.² My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice.³ O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

PURSUIING GODLINESS

- Keeps us on track
- “Devotion to God in action”
 - Fear of God, Love of God, Desire for God
- Pursuing godliness needs discipline
- Walking with God requires developing spiritual disciplines
 - learning to walk with regards to things **we can't see** in the face of things **we can see**

HOW GREAT A LOVE!

- God loves us perfectly!
 - He GAVE up His Son for us!
 - Jesus WILLINGLY went to the cross for us!
 - How much more would He not care for us in the everyday things of life?

THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL

- Genesis 3

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"² The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"⁴ The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- The devil wants to undermine what God has said
 - Don't let him!!!!!!!

IN ALL THINGS...

- FACT: God loves us!
- FACT: God has prepared good things for us
- Whatever the circumstances, always appropriate to give thanks!

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