



Sunday 13 October 2013

PURSUIING GODLINESS  
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES  
3. BUT YOU, O LORD...

# SCRIPTURES

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- Proverbs 4:20-27
- Psalm 3:1-3

# 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

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

# PROVERBS 4:20-27

My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart. <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body. <sup>23</sup> **Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.** <sup>24</sup> Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you. <sup>25</sup> Let your eyes look directly ahead and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. <sup>26</sup> Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established. <sup>27</sup> Do not turn to the right nor to the left; turn your foot from evil.

# PSALM 3:1-3

○ Lord, how my adversaries have increased! Many are rising up against me.<sup>2</sup> Many are saying of my soul, “There is no deliverance for him in God.” Selah.

<sup>3</sup> But You, ○ Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head.

# PURSUING GODLINESS

- Walking with God (pursuing godliness) needs discipline, pursuing
  - requires developing spiritual disciplines
    - we are learning to walk
      - with regards to truths **we can't see**
      - in the face of things **we can see**

# SOOO GREAT A SALVATION!

- At the cross Jesus redeemed us!
  - Paid the price for sin
  - Made possible blessing instead of curse
  - Motivated by LOVE
  - Can't bypass your faith
- The devil tries to undermine what God has said to us
  - Don't let him



# MY ADVERSARIES INCREASE

- The devil tries to undermine what God has said to us
  - Don't let him
  - It's a fight!
- How do we react to difficulties
  - Everything seems to be against you...
  - Nothing working as we want...
  - Its taking forever...

# BUT YOU, O LORD

- Give thanks: a discipline to learn
  - Look beyond how things appear to what God said
  - Fact: He is with me, for me, loves me
  - A choice regarding what directs our course
  - Watch over your heart

