



What does it mean to live godly? What comes to your mind when you ponder the word “godly?”

Take a few minutes to read Matthew 25: 31-46. What strikes you about these verses? What does this passage communicate to you about godliness?

Sally said, “You can’t be godly if you don’t know God.” List some characteristics about God and take some time to ponder them. Choose one and look up a verse that shows God exhibiting this characteristic.

Psalm 32:6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found.

### **Day by Day, and With Each Passing Moment**

Lina Sandell, 1865

Day by day, and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,  
Gives unto each day what He deems best,  
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,  
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.  
The protection of His child and treasure  
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;  
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"  
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,  
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,  
Offered me within Thy holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

Read through the following verses and ponder where you are in your life currently. What circumstances do you find yourself in that require you to put your eyes on the Lord? Do you need to stand for righteousness in an area? Recognize that the persecution you are under may have to do with your faith? Find contentment in following the Lord with your heart and soul?

Psalm 97:10 Hate evil, you who love the LORD,  
Who preserves the souls of His godly ones;

2 Tim 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

1 Tim 6:6 But godliness is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.

Thank the Lord for this time to ponder His word and how we can pursue godliness in a messy world.