

**7-3-22**  
**WHAT DO WE GAIN BY BEING GODLY**

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I Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

There are those who suppose that gain is godliness...  
There are those who are godly and receive great gain.....

***I. Intro. What are the true benefits of godliness?  
What do we gain by being godly?***

***1. It is not primarily the gain that we receive in this world...***

What we think makes a man rich is all relative..  
One man's wealth is another man's poverty...

The poorest man in this church is rich compared to some people of the world..

People living in make shift huts.. no food no water.. no running water.. no refrigerator..  
no money... Each of us would be considered rich.. to this person...

There are some people who today spend 100,000 dollars like we might spend \$100.00

***2. I believe that everyone who would seek to live godly in Christ Jesus would be willing to make sacrifices in the area of worldly gain... to please God..***

Yet there are some who would suppose.. that gain is godliness..

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Here we have the kind of people of this world that have the opposite mindset of godliness who really think that what defines godliness is what they gain in this world.

Men who reject the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ.. So many today have their own philosophy about life which is perverse..

I Tim 6:5 Perverse men who will argue against the Bible..  
Men of corrupt mins..  
Men Destitute of the truth..  
Supposing they are right with God because they are blessed with material goods..

I meet such people all the time.. men whose mouths are filled with corruption..

Men who will point to their wealth in this world and material blessings as evidence that they are godly. One man said to me look at all I have .. I worked for it.. God helps those who help themselves.. So I am godly.

There are some people who live their lives for gain... and suppose that the God of heaven is their genie in a jar to get them this gain...

God is like a rabbit's foot to them...

For people like this, God's true church is not the place that they are excited about coming to and supporting. Because the doctrine of Christ would rebuke them and correct them. Today men are so bold as to say .. it doesn't matter what the Bible says, or what Jesus teaches. They think other wise.

### ***3. There are many religious leaders that teach that gain is a sign of godliness.***

This was the philosophy of Job's friends...  
When he suffered loss it was because he was a sinner and God was punishing him..

Let's face the facts, though many people in this world are motivated by gain and, in fact, they look at church as a waste of time because they do not see the benefits of giving themselves over to a godly lifestyle.

This morning I want to share.. What you gain by living a godly life..

NOTICE OUR TEXT SAYS:

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### ***WHAT DO WE GAIN BY SEEKING TO BE GODLY?***

Though gain is not godliness...

Godliness .. is great gain.. So the question I want to answer this morning is what is the gain you can expect to receive by living for God. Obeying the Bible.. Looking to serve God.

This is what I want to preach to you about...

WHAT DO WE GAIN FROM SEEKING TO PURSUE GOD.. AND SEEKING TO BE GODLY?

#### ***I. THE FIRST THING WE GAIN IS THAT IT IS THE VIRTUE THAT TRULY PLEASES GOD: The gain of God's Acceptance..***

I Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Psalms 4:3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

To say a person is godly .... is to say he pleases God.. and God's smile is upon him..

First of all consider what does godliness mean?

What does it mean to be godly?

#### ***1. What does the word GODLY mean:***

Looked it up expected that the greek word would include the word God.. There is a Greek word that uses the word Theos or God to mean godliness

I Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;  
I Timothy 2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

The word for Godliness..is

theosebeia, theh-os-eb'-i-ah; from 2318; devoutness, i.e. piety:-  
godliness. Here it is a compound word:

THEOS + EBEIA

The word means to be devoted to god..

Theos.. God  
Ebeia.. meaning to be devoted..

The word found in I Tim 6:6 is another compound word..

I Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Eus... Good or well  
Ebeia... Devout piety.. and holiness..

Actually It means to be a person who is devoted to Good.. or God.. to be godly.. to do good be pious, A person devoted to live a life of doing good and right. A righteous person.

2150 Eusebeia, yoo-seb'-i-ah; from 2152; piety; spec. the gospel scheme:-  
godliness, holiness.

2152 Eusebes, yoo-seb-ace'; from 2095 and 4576; well-reverent, i.e. pious:-  
devout, godly.

The emphasis is your life devotoion and service to God!  
A person devoted to obey good doctrine and the Bible ..

In opposite of those who are like what Paul warned about people who are no good!

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truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

A godly person is a person truly devoted to God in a good way..

A godly person is a person who is seeking to please God..

A person who seeks to serve and please God..

A person following the doctrine of Christ..

There are many that appear to be godly.. and are counterfeits.

Matthew 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead [men's] bones, and of all uncleanness.

Matthew 23:28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Paul used this word because he was emphasizing.. that true godliness.. is often misunderstood.. and those who are not godly many think are..

Today it is the same people think the person that is godly is the one who profits in their religion.

Just because a church is big and has lots of money and people does not mean it is godly! Just because a person is blessed and prospers in this world does not mean that they are godly!

How is it that we see across our country men who pastored large churches had huge budgets were found out to have been immoral..

Do we not suppose even today that gain is godliness...  
We think gain is buildings.. gain is crowds, recognition, awards..

How is it that we cannot truly discern what godliness is?!

Jesus received none of that until after he was glorified and resurrected..

Paul had a problem with this... often Paul worked and earned his own way.. through his business.. making tents.. others came and were big shot preachers it was beneath them to do that type of thing and they put down Paul because of it. I Cor. 9:3,

Paul was an example of what it was to be Godly!

I Corinthians 9:3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

I Corinthians 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

I Corinthians 9:18 What is my reward then? [Verily] that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

II Thessalonians 3:8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

II Thessalonians 3:9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

II Corinthians 12:13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except [it be] that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

II Corinthians 12:14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

II Corinthians 11:19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye [yourselves] are wise.  
II Corinthians 11:20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour [you], if a man take [of you], if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

## **WHAT IS GODLINESS.....**

Godliness is a true.. sincere devotion to God.. a person who is godly.. is seeking to be faithful to God.. looking to please only Him..

A Truly godly person will please God..

A godly person is a person who fears God.. seeks to please god.. is devoted to God and wholeheartedly puts him first..

Now if we please God we may not please people.. A godly person may not be viewed by the religious establishment as being godly because he is not trying to gain the recognition and applause of his peers.. He is wholeheartedly seeking to please only God..

Ultimately the gain of doing so will become evident to all....

Sometimes being godly may get you in trouble with the people of this world.

II Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

What seems to be profitable in the world may at times be nothing but a facade!  
Facade is a hard word to spell .. it starts with this FAC or Fake..

**ENRON APPEARED TO BE A PROFITING COMPANY BUT IS WAS FAKE!**

Bernie Madoff had a Fake.. company.. Ponzi Scheme.

Looking up some articles about Enron.. I found one that was written a few months before it was discovered that Enron CEO's were manipulation the books.. The Stock consultant was writing .. to encourage people to invest in Enron.. Great buy.. stocks were selling for 90.00 a share but were really valued at \$110.00. This was because of their fake bookkeeping. Many people who invested in their stock lost their life's savings and retirements.

So a person can appear to be godly.. but it could just be a show!! With no substance. It can be a FACADE..

Recently I did some stone facing on my house.. decided to not use fake stone but real stone!

It is easy to be dishonest in any field to look good to men..  
IT IS EASY TO DO SO IN THE RELIGIOUS CIRCLES ALSO..

WHAT GAIN CAN WE EXPECT FROM BEING GODLY?!

WHAT IS THE GAIN OF TRUE GODLINESS?  
TRUE GODLINESS IS SEEKING TO PLEASE GOD..  
SEEKING HIS FAVOR AND NOT MAN'S  
LOOKING FOR HIS REWARD AND NOT EARTHLY ..

The first thing we will gain by seeking to please him first is that we receive his smile.. and the reward of having pleased God..

WHAT IS THE TRUE GAIN OF GODLINESS.... We should want to love and please God!

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

## ***II. THE GAIN OF PEACE AND CONTENTMENT BEFORE GOD***

I Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

This pure conscience will bring us peace of mind  
Peace Of Mind Will Bring us Contentment..  
Contentment will bring us rest ...

Why is it that a person in the world who gets great gain is never content with his great gain? He has no peace of mind, no contentment, no rest...

Isaiah 48:22 [There is] no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

There is no contentment.. in the world today... because those who get gain through wicked means.. never are content with what they have..

Ecclesiastes 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this [is] also vanity.

Ecclesiastes 5:11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good [is there] to the owners thereof, saving the beholding [of them] with their eyes?

Ecclesiastes 5:12 The sleep of a labouring man [is] sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

Ecclesiastes 5:13 There is a sore evil [which] I have seen under the sun, [namely], riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

Ecclesiastes 5:14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and [there is] nothing in his hand.

Ecclesiastes 5:15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

Godliness comes as we seek to please God.. in all that we do..  
When we work.. we work to please God.. not just to get gain....

So we are labourers for God..

Ecclesiastes 5:12 The sleep of a labouring man [is] sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

A godly person will have no problem sleeping because he will find his life ordered of the Lord.. and it is always more work to do things right..

This will produce contentment.. What greater evidence of contentment is there then the ability to sleep... We are able to rest in the will of God..

My wife.. gets aggravated with me.. driving down the road.. hard sometimes to stay awake. Inactivity to me is a time to sleep.

TOO CONTENT!

A godly person will be a person who will be able to sleep through the storms of life.

Jesus asleep on the ship.

Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

We can rest in knowing we are in the will of God..

When we seek to live a godly life.. one of the benefits we receive is this contentment that only he can give..

### **III. THE GAIN OF GODLINESS IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE LESS FEAR OF GROWING OLD: AND LEAVING THIS WORLD**

People in the world do all kind of things to make themselves look young and avoid getting old... HEALTH SPAS... FACE LIFTS.. Dye Hair...

I Timothy 6:7 For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out.

Come into the world.. Bald toothless, and wearing a diaper.  
Many leave this world the same way

We invest in life insurance policies.. for the peace of mind.. that if something were to happen to us.. our family would be taken care of... But so many people do not know what will become of them..

Today there is less and less preaching on hell and people are being lulled into a false sense of security about what will become of them after death..

There are many today who do not fear growing old and dying, when they should because they are headed to a Christ-less hell. But for those dedicated to God.. we truly can have that peace of mind knowing that we serve Christ..

Today there is less and less preaching on hell and God's judgment..

Godliness.. causes us to be prepared for our exit out of this world..

We brought nothing into the world.... we can bring nothing out of it...

There are those who suppose that gain is godliness.... and they will be rudely awakened some day in hell ...

There was such a man in the Bible..  
In Luke 16..

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

Luke 16:20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

Luke 16:21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

Luke 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Luke 16:25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Luke 16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that [would come] from thence.

Luke 16:27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

Luke 16:28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Luke 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

Luke 16:30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

Luke 16:31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

What is the greatest gain of godliness?

We escape the judgment of hell.. and we are accepted into heaven...

Some believe we get what we deserve in this life...  
Reincarnation...

What could have possessed this rich man to have ignored this poor beggar..

We need to remember.. the Lord will leave the poor and needy to test us to see if we will show mercy to others as he showed mercy to us...

We spiritually speaking are beggars before God..

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep himself unspotted from the world.

I Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

I Timothy 6:18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

I Timothy 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

The greatest gain of living a godly life is that we someday will escape the torments of hell... and we will be accepted of him into heaven..

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

But without true godliness.. we will never make to heaven...

James 2:14 What [doth it] profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

James 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

James 2:16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be [ye] warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what [doth it] profit?

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

We don't get saved by good works..

But we are not saved without them...

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:

Ephesians 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**WE ARE NOT SAVED BY WORKS BUT TRUE FAITH WILL PRODUCE GOOD WORKS..**

If God did not.. do a work in our hearts.. which is producing and motivating us to godliness and good works.. why do we think we are saved???

When the Lord comes into our hearts.. he works in and through us to do his good pleasure

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.

Godliness.. with contentment produces great gain..

- I. The gain of God's Smile.... and Acceptance..**
- II. The Gain of Pure conscience and contentment**
- III. The gain of preparation for eternity**

## **PART II THE GAIN OF GODLINESS**

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I Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and [into] many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

I Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

### ***IV. WE ARE PROMISED FOOD AND RAIMENT AND OUR BASIC NEEDS:***

I Timothy 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

God will provide us with all that we need....

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and [now] am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

God promised to take care of us... and give us what we need...

We have this promise of God...

Mom.. worried about us... said... you get from point a. b.. so do I

Paul said..

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content.

Philippians 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

### ***V. Another Gain of pursuing a godly lifestyle is that we will avoid many foolish and hurtful the following sins:***

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When you live godly you will be with others who are godly..

When you live ungodly you will be around those who are ungodly.. These will tempt you to do more ungodly deeds..

Temptations: Not tempted like some men..

Foolish and Hurtful lust... Immorality, gambling, wine... dining..

Some men are being drowned by sorrows...

***VI. The greatest Gain of Godliness is we will avoid the root of all evil..***

I Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

I Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Recently a Church asked me to bring some keyboards to demonstrate for their Sunday school students. A elderly lady in the church wanted to buy some inexpensive keyboards for her Sunday School students as Christmas gifts hoping they would take lessons and learn. She wanted me to bring some keyboards that were about \$100.00 each.

Now the truth is that I make about \$20.00 dollars on one of those keyboards and the hassle of driving to that church, spending my time and gas.. opening the boxes, having to reseal the boxes for \$20.00 profit was really not worth the money. Maybe I would make \$40.00 on the sale if I sold two keyboards, and it cost me about \$20.00 in gas and my time to do all this. But I did it anyway. The reason I did it was because it was the right thing to do.

However, just in case I took a variety of keyboards. I did that shortly after Christmas and I heard nothing back from the church. Suddenly a few months latter I got a phone call.. the lady wanted to buy three of the more expensive Keyboards. They bought three keyboards.. and a more expensive one for their church. The total sale instead of a few hundred dollars was close to \$3000.00.. All because I wanted to obey God and be a good testimony.

Do what is right and the money will come..

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

How many wicked deeds have been committed over money?

Follow the money trail and it will lead to all kind of corruption.

Did not Judas betray our Lord for 30 pieces of silver?

Did not Ananias and Sapphira lie to the church and God over money?

Did not Simon the sorcerer offer money to gain the power to give the Holy Spirit to whomever he would?

Paul says, the love of money is the root of all evil..

Seek to do right .. and the reward will come as God ordains it..

### **REVIEW OF WHAT GAIN WE WILL RECEIVE BY SEEKING TO BE GODLY:**

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