

The Godly Heart

The attitudes of a transformed heart so far...

Right thoughts about God and His word
Choosing humility

Godliness: a devotion to God which results in a life that is pleasing to God

Matthew 22:37 – focus on pleasing Him.

“...train yourself for the purpose of godliness.” 1 Timothy 4:7

A godly heart is OBEDIENT

Be familiar with His word

James 4:8 – stay close in difficult times

“As obedient children, not being conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your conduct; because it is written, ‘YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.’” 1 Peter 1:14-16

Proverbs 3:5-6 – trust Him whole-heartedly.

A godly heart is CONTENT

Be willing to rest and wait

Job 1:21-22 – proof of a genuine faith

“...I learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in abundance; in any and all things I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:11-13

1 Timothy 6:8 – God provides the necessities

“Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith brings about perseverance. And let perseverance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4

2:14-15 – God provides the grace we need

A godly heart is GRATEFUL

Be thankful for ALL things

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – it is God’s will for us

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold You are there...even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me.” Psalm 139:7-8, 10

Psalm 145:9 – He is good to all, and ALWAYS good

A godly heart is willing to SERVE

Become a servant for Him

“...whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:26-28

Colossians 3:23-24 – serve Him from the heart

Colossians 3:17 – represent Him well!

1 John 2:5-6 – serve out of devotion to Him

A godly heart is FORBEARING

Be willing to tolerate differences

1 Peter 4:8 – respond in love

“...walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3

Philippians 4:5 – be generous toward others

Matthew 7:1 – don’t try to judge motives

Practice godliness EVERY DAY

Romans 12:2 – don’t be conformed to the world’s ways

PRESS ON to know Christ more and more, so that you can be **LIKE HIM!**

For Discussion:

- 1.** What are some areas of obedience where it’s easier to be driven by “feelings” rather than by devotion to God?
- 2.** What do you know about God as revealed in His word that makes true contentment possible?
- 3.** What blessings are you most grateful for—today?
- 4.** What are some ways you can serve the Lord in “small ways” throughout your day?

