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Living Godly

There have been many occasions when I have heard an adult comment about an individual or group of young people as being “such good kids.” While I understand what they are saying, the truth is, it is an inaccurate assessment. Romans 3:10,12,23 “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:... there is none that doeth good, no, not one... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” No matter how “good” a person may be, without Christ they have absolutely no goodness in them. They are totally depraved, totally corrupt. Our goal as church leaders, youth workers and parents is not to raise “good kids,” but to raise “godly kids.”

Titus 2:11-12 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;” It is not enough to be a good person. God expects us to be godly, even in the midst of this present world. Regardless of the present state of affairs, as believers we are to live godly. In other words, godliness has nothing to do with our environment or circumstances. Godliness is not the outward appearance of a man, but the hidden man of the heart. If we are godly in the inner man, the outer man will manifest godliness, but without God in the inner man, the outer goodness of man is nothing more than a mask.

Godliness is living a life that is God-like. A life that reflects the character of God. It begins with having a heart for God that then manifests itself by walking in obedience to God’s laws, commands and precepts. Of course, we cannot be God-like unless we know what God is like. How do we get to know God? By spending time with God in His Word and in Prayer. Spend some time this week getting to know God.