

INTRODUCTION

1. Tit 2:11-14 "the grace of God instructs us to live".
2. Paul's pattern of ethics: put off [repent] & put on [faith].
3. Renounce, deny, lit: say "no" to smthg.

1st: The Christian's Definitive Denial

1. *deny*: to refuse, reject; to dispute, disagree; opposite of to confess, agree, assent; to renounce, disown.
 - i. Exercise of will, decision, resolve; change of loyalty. Lk 12:9; 9:23; Jn 13:38; 2T 2:12b-13
2. Definitive, once-for-all act of decisive resolution.
 - i. Baptism? Conversion: Gal 5:24; Cont'al sanctif - 2 C 7:1; 1C15:31
 - ii. Xn life is constant repentance & faith. [R 6:11].
3. Be a contrary person to suggestions of sin.

2nd: The Christian's Denial of Ungodliness

1. Godliness rlts to holiness- ungodliness = no fear of God.
 - i. Unbelief; neglect worship: no practice of piety R 1:18-23, 25, 28a
 - ii. opposite of godliness: body of doct & practice of worship
 - a. 1 T 2:2; 1T 4:8; 1T 6:3; 1T 6:11
 - b. 2 Pt 1:2-7 & 3:11-12 godliness presses us up against age to come - 2 T 3:1-5 last days: instead of denying ungodliness, men deny power of godliness
 - c. Rom 1:18 - v23 = idolatry.
2. Ungodliness = life w/o the sacred, holy. 1st table of Law
3. Ungodliness - w/o conscious submission to Word

2nd: The Christian's Denial of Worldly Desires

1. *Worldly* - w/o eschatology of age to come: life lived for now - Tit 3:3-5a.
2. *desires: yearnings of heart* - [Ezek 20:16]; heart goes out after
3. Grace trains us to say no to worldly lusts.

Appl #1: How is the denial of ungodliness & worldly lust evidenced?

1. Not want external religiosity w/o heart vitality - not in the business of religion - 1T 6:5.
2. What threatens to siphon off the affections of my heart; runs interference to piety? 1 Jn 2:15-17.
 - i. I love - either world or the Father [Matt 6:24]; acts of heart [Gn 3:6]
 - a. lust of flesh: [*good for food*] sensual pleasure
 - b. lust of eyes [*delight to eyes*] - eyes direct heart - Lot's wife; Achan; Samson & David - [Ps 119:37; Matt 6:22-23]. What am I allowing to seep into my heart thru my eyes? [Heb 12:1-2]
 - c. boastful pride of life [*desirable to make one wise*] - security & situation - boastful [Lk 12:15 parable of rich fool]
 - ii. Hate or love; temporary or eternal
3. Put eyes on Jesus & get eternal perspective
 - i. Lk 21:33-36
 - ii. Rom 13:11-14
 - iii. 1 Pt 4:1-5
 - iv. Live on the porch of eternity - rewards: *be zealous for good works*
4. What are the enticements to wh/ you are susceptible?
5. Where do your interests lie?
6. How is grace disciplining you?
7. Phil 1:9-11