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Part of our problem in converting people to the Lord is that they often do not see any difference that being a Christian has made in our lives. We live like the world, talk like the world, go where the world goes, and dress like the world. Some serve God on Sunday and live like the world the rest of the time. We must do better.

ABOUT US

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Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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God-Conscious

Bill Hall

A truly godly man is one who lives with a constant realization of God's divine presence. He is "Godconscious". When he awakes in the morning, there is God. As he dresses for work, there is God. As he goes in to breakfast with his family, as he drives to work, as he works through the day, as he drives home, as he spends the evening hours, as he lies down on his bed at the close of day, there is God.

Enoch was a man who was God-conscious, for he "walked with God" (Genesis 5:24). He enjoyed constant companionship with God. Wherever Enoch went, God went with him, and Enoch was always aware that He was there. He could not flee from God's presence (Psalms 139:7), nor did he seek to do so. He was a godly man.

How fortunate is that man who has developed within himself this God consciousness. It is easy for him to pray, for God is to him a close, ever near, companion whose "ears are open unto

his prayers" (1 Peter 3:12). His talking with God is as natural as his talking with any companion.

He does not fear, for he just places his hand in God's in his times of trouble. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear" (Psalms 46:1-2). Even when walking "through the valley of the shadow of death," he can "fear no evil," for God is with him.

The power of temptation is greatly reduced, for he never forgets that "all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13). His desire to please his ever present God is greater than the power of temptation.

He is thankful, recognizing God, with whom he walks, to be the source of "every good gift and every perfect gift" (James 1:17).

He loves God. He talks to God. He walks with God. He is always conscious of God's presence. He is never without

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas** and **Francine Davis**.

The doctors have found that **Sandy Burnham** has cancer. She is scheduled to see an oncologist and surgeon to plan her treatment.

Holland Meador is much improved with her Covid.

Alisha Rankin has been diagnosed as positive for the Corona virus.

Chris Stinson's is waiting more medical tests.

Cathy Monaghan's test results were not good, but the doctor is optimistic she can be treated successfully.

Don't forget **Donna Mobley** at Cornerstone.

Here is the current schedule of services:

Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)
Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)
Kids Only: 5:00 PM
Monday: 7:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 PM

Sunday Kid's Class and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Classes are via Zoom

Ladies Bible Class has been suspended temporarily.

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

God. Yet, this relationship never degenerates into a "buddy-buddy" relationship, for he reverences God; he recognizes His awesomeness; he gratefully acknowledges his own personal unworthiness of such a relationship with Almighty God.

This is the very essence of godliness. Someone, years ago, observing the similarity between "godliness" and "God-like-ness," assumed that the two words meant the same. That false assumption was passed on to others, and has now gained a strong foothold in the thinking of a great number of people. W. E. Vines says that godliness "denotes that piety which, characterized by a God-ward attitude, does that which is well pleasing to Him." A godly person, then, is one who has a Godward attitude, and whose constant consciousness of God leads him to be obedient to Him.

While visiting in a hospital recently, we observed this sign, "Have you said 'Thank You, God' today?" A godly person probably would have done so. Have you said, "Thank You, God" today?

Do Not Be Conformed To This World

Roger Hillis

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).

Is it just me or does it seem like, in many ways, Christians are just exactly like the world?

We are supposed to be so different from the world that everyone can tell the

difference. Do you think that distinction is as clear as it ought to be these days?

Christians are referred to in the Bible as "sojourners, strangers, and pilgrims." See Hebrews 11:8-16 and 1 Peter 2:11. Those terms indicate the idea that as foreigners, whose citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20-21), we are temporary non-residents of the earth — in the world, but not of it. We are to live here without involvement and defilement by the wickedness that is here.

Two specific words in the New Testament show this separation from the world. The first is the word "church" itself. The "ekklesia" of Christ is to be called out of the world. We are called out of Satan's domain and power and into the kingdom of Christ. "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet.2:9).

The second word is "sanctified." This emphasizes the set apart nature of the children of God. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:25-27). This is also the basis for the common word "holy." We are to be pure and holy, just as God is holy (1 Peter 1:16).

In the first century there was such a marked difference between Christians and the people of the world that the disciples were easy marks for persecution. Their purity condemned the ungodly and the

Christians were often punished by the heathen. Is there still that marked difference? Or do we blend right in?

All too often, Christians wear exactly the same fashions as the world. Clothes that are too tight, too short, too low-cut, or too revealing are sometimes seen on Christians. Not all in-fashion clothes are immodest (1 Timothy 2:9-10), but many are. It is the very worldly that set the fashion standards, not the godly.

Some Christians are just as covetous as the world. Materialism is eating up the people of God and we are often blind to it. We can see and recognize greed in others, but it is harder to admit in our own lives, isn't it? Covetousness is a form of idolatry (Ephesians 5:5).

When it comes to recreational habits, I am really amazed at some of the things that some Christians try to defend — Rated movies, social drinking, smoking, mixed swimming. We are not supposed to do things just because they are popular! And if we don't, some will ridicule us. "For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you" (1 Peter 4:3-4).

Christians have the same problem controlling the tongue as the people of the world. We lose our tempers, gossip, and sometimes tell or laugh at dirty jokes.

Worldliness is not just immorality. It is an attitude of heart and mind that puts anything else before God.