

## Living Soberly, Righteously, and Godly

### I. Introduction:

- A. The world has long been evil (**Galatians 1:3-4** and **I John 5:19**).
  - 1. As we look at the world now and the communication abilities, it is a scary thing (**Genesis 11:1-9**).
  - 2. Think about this modern world and how the challenges we have in our battle against darkness are increasingly challenging (**Ephesians 6:10-12**).
- B. As Christians, consider the challenges of passages such as **Titus 3:1-2**.
  - 1. How do we obey men without becoming man-pleasers (**Galatians 1:10**; cf. **Acts 5:12-29**)?
  - 2. How do we obey laws of men (**I Peter 2:13-17**) without compromising the truth (**Proverbs 23:23**)?
  - 3. How does a faithful Christian maintain a work place ethic without being worldly (**Romans 12:2**)?

### II. Body: If We Just Live As God Says To Live (**Titus 2:11-14**).

- A. Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts (**Galatians 5:24**).
  - 1. Deny, refuse, reject (**Hebrews 11:24**).
  - 2. Ungodliness, wickedness (**Ephesians 4:22-24**).
  - 3. Worldly [belonging to the world] lusts (**Romans 6:12**, **Romans 13:13-14**, **Jude 1:17-18**, and **I John 2:15-17**).
  - 4. Remember balance. Not all fleshly desires are to be rejected (**Mark 6:31**, **I Timothy 4:4**, **Hebrews 13:4**, etc.).
- B. Living soberly [with sound mind; Strong's # 4996] (**Titus 2:2-6**).
  - 1. Thinking about awareness (**I Thessalonians 5:6**).
  - 2. Preparing our minds (**I Peter 1:13**).
  - 3. Why does the mind matter (**Matthew 15:18-20** and **Colossians 1:21**)?
- C. Living righteously (**I Corinthians 15:34**).
  - 1. Think about what being righteous means (**Luke 1:5-6** and **Romans 1:16-17**) and what it does not mean (**Luke 18:9-14**).
  - 2. What would happen if we found pleasure in unrighteousness (**II Thessalonians 2:10-12**)?
- D. Living godly piously [devoutly religious] (**James 1:26-27**).
  - 1. When I think of godly or godliness... **Psalms 4:3**, **Matthew 5:48**, **Ephesians 5:1**, **I Timothy 4:8**, **I Timothy 6:1-11**, **II Timothy 2:14-18**, and **II Peter 3:10-11**
  - 2. Then I think of unfaithful times (**Psalms 12:1-8**).

### III. Conclusion: **II Corinthians 1:12**