NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

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The Challenge of Godliness

If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."
1 Timothy 4:7-8

Godliness is the life-long process of becoming more and more like Jesus Christ.

To Live a Godly Life, I:

I) _____ God to mold me.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice — the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:1-2

II) _____ myself from ungodliness.

And what value was there in fighting wild beasts —those people of Ephesus — if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!" Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character." Think carefully about what is right, and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you don't know God at all. 1 Corinthians 15:32-34

III) _____ godly activities.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me — everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

IV) _____ regular times of self-evaluation.

A) But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23

B) The Fruit of the Spirit

C) Fruit: My Score (0-10)

1) Love _____
2) Joy _____
3) Peace _____
4) Patience _____
5) Kindness _____
6) Goodness _____
7) Faithfulness _____
8) Gentleness _____
9) Self-control _____

V) _____ godly living as an example for others.

And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3

My Next Step Is:

- I'm making a decision for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize 2 Peter 1:3.
- I will pray daily this week for God to make me more like Jesus.