

# “Growing In Godliness”

## Romans 12:1-2

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I. Realize what you are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in this world to live Godly.

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

**2 Timothy 3:12**

1. There is a battle \_\_\_\_\_ you which  
involves your old \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

“So, I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.”

**Romans 7:21-23 (NIV)**

“And remember, when someone wants to do wrong it is never God who is tempting him, for God never wants to do wrong and never tempts anyone else to do it. Temptation is the pull of man’s own evil thoughts and wishes.”

**James 1:13-14 (TLB)**

“So, dear brothers, you have no obligations whatever to your old sinful nature to do what it begs you to do. For if you keep on following it you are lost and will perish, but if through the power of the Holy Spirit you crush it and its evil deeds, you shall live.”

**Romans 8:12-13 (TLB)**

“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God.”

**Romans 7:24-25a (NIV)**

2. There is a battle \_\_\_\_\_ you which  
involves \_\_\_\_\_ forces of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

“For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.”

**Ephesians 6:12 (TLB)**

“Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.”

**John 12:31 (NIV)**

“I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me.”

**John 14:30 (NIV)**

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

**2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)**

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

**1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)**

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

**1 John 4:4 (NIV)**

"They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them."

**Romans 1:29-32 (NIV)**

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.

**Romans 12:2 (TLB)**

3. There is a battle \_\_\_\_\_ you which involves this \_\_\_\_\_.

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father<sup>is</sup> not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever."

**1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)**

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."

**Isaiah 5:20 (NIV)**

II. Know the importance of your \_\_\_\_\_ in living a Godly life.

❖ More than changing your \_\_\_\_\_ or taking away all your \_\_\_\_\_, God wants to change your \_\_\_\_\_!

Why are your mind and your thoughts so important?

1. Your thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ your life for good or for bad.

"Keep these thoughts ever in mind; let them penetrate deep within your heart, for they will mean real life for you and radiant health. *Above all else, guard your affections.* For they influence everything else in your life."

**Proverbs 4:21-23 (TLB)**

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee,"

**Proverbs 23:7c (KJV)**

2. Your mind is the \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV)**

3. Your thoughts are the key to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

"The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."

**Romans 8:6 (NIV)**