

1. Godliness

- a) 2 Timothy 3:1–9, a form of godliness
- b) Matthew 7:21–23, a profession of relationship
- c) 2 Peter 1:2–8, genuine godliness
- d) 1 Timothy 6:10–11, an intentional journey
- e) How can a person distinguish between a form of godliness and genuine godliness?
- f) What might Paul be referring to when he said some view “godliness as a means of gain”? 1 Timothy 6:5
- g) What reactions might we expect from those who see a reflection of God’s character in our lives?
 - i) Matthew 5:16
 - ii) 2 Timothy 3:12–13

2. Contentment

- a) 1 Timothy 6:6
- b) Philippians 4:11
- c) How can we learn to be content even when everything seems to be going wrong? Romans 8:28; Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 28:20
- d) Advertisers intentionally try to create a lack of contentment. How can we learn to experience contentment in every situation, just like the apostle Paul?
- e) Share a time when God helped you to transition from discontentment to contentment.

3. Trust

- a) 1 Timothy 4:10
- b) Titus 2:11–13; John 14:1–3
- c) 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24
- d) What experiences in your life taught you the importance of trusting God?
- e) What are some practical ways our trust in God can be strengthened?

4. Positive witness to those around us

- a) Matthew 5:14–16
- b) 2 Corinthians 3:2–3
- c) 1 Peter 2:11–12
- d) What Bible character impresses you as someone whose life was a positive witness to those around her/him?
- e) How can we be sure our lives are a positive witness to those around us? 2 Corinthians 13:5; John 15:5–8

5. Words of affirmation from Jesus

- a) Matthew 25:21
- b) Matthew 25:34
- c) What important lessons can we learn from these words of affirmation to faithful stewards?
- d) How will you respond to these words of Jesus?

