

HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS

2 Tim 3:1-4

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, **4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (KJV)

2 Tim 3:5 Having **(1)a form (2)of godliness**, but **(3)denying** the **(4)power** thereof: **(5)from such (6)turn away**. (KJV)

Definitions

(1)a form-3446 morphosis (mor'-fo-sis); from 3445; formation, i.e. (by implication) appearance (semblance or [concretely] formula): KJV-- form, shaping, the mere form, semblance.

(2)of godliness-2150 eusebeia (yoo-seb'-i-ah); from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme: KJV-- godliness, holiness. 2152 eusebes (yoo-seb-ace'); from 2095 and 4576; well-reverent, i.e. pious: KJV-- devout, godly.

(3)but denying-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate: KJV-- deny, not to accept, to refuse something offered.

(4)the power thereof-1411 dunamis (doo'-nam-is); from 1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): KJV-- ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

(5)from such-5128 toutous (too'-tooce); accusative case plural masculine of 3778; these (persons, as objective of verb or preposition): KJV-- such, them, these, this.

(6)turn away-665 apotrepo (ap-ot-rep'-o); from 575 and the base of 5157; to deflect, i.e. (reflexively) avoid: KJV-- turn away, to turn oneself away from, to shun. 575 apo-1) used of separation, used of local separation, after verbs of motion from a place that is, of departing, of fleeing, used of separation of a part from the whole, used of any kind of separation of one thing from another by which the union or fellowship of the two is destroyed.

2 Tim 3:5 ... a form of godliness, (KJV)

Prov 30:12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. (KJV)

Isa 29:1 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. **Isa 29:13** Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: **14** Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. (KJV)

Isa 48:1-2

1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. **2** For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name. (KJV)

Jer 5:1-3

1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. **2** And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely. **3** O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. (KJV)

Ezek 33:29-32

29 Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed. **30** Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. **31** And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. **32** And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. (KJV)

Matt 7:13-21

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. **15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **16** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. **19** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. **21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (KJV)

Matt 23:1-4

1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, **2** Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: **3** All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. **4** For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. (KJV)

Matt 23:27-28

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres,

which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. **28** Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. (KJV)

Mark 7:5-9

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? **6** He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. **7** Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **8** For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. **9** And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. (KJV)

Mark 10:17-22

17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? **18** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. **19** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. **20** And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. **21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. **22** And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. (KJV)

John 10:7-14

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **9** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. **11** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. **12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. **13** The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. (KJV)

Rom 2:17-24

17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, **18** And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; **19** And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, **20** An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. **21** Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? **22** Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? **23** Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? **24** For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

2 Cor 11:7-15

7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? **8** I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. **9** And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself. **10** As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. **11** Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. **12** But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. **13** For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (KJV)

Titus 1:13-16

13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; **14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. **15** Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. **16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (KJV)

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: (KJV)

2 Tim 3:5 ... from such turn away. (KJV)

Mark 10:23-25

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! **24** And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

John 10:1-6

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **2** But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. **4** And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. **5** And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. **6** This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

Acts 19:6-9

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. **7** And all the men were about twelve. **8** And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. **9** But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake

evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. (KJV)

Rom 16:17-18

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. **18** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (KJV)

Eph 4:13-15

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (KJV)

Eph 5:1-11

1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. **3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; **4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. **5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them. **8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (KJV)

II Th 3:3-7

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. **6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. **7** For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; (KJV)

II Th 3:13-18

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. **14** And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. **15** Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. **16** Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. **17** The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. **18** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:1-7

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; **2** Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **3** Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. **4** For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: **5** For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. **6** If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. **7** But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. (KJV)

1 Tim 6:3-12

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **4** He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, **5** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. **9** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (KJV)

2 Tim 2:12-17

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: **13** If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. **14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. **17** And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; (KJV)

2 Tim 2:19-26

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. **20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. **21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. **22** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **23** But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. **24** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, **25** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God

peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **26** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. (KJV)

2 Tim 4:1-5

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (KJV)

Titus 3:8-11

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. **9** But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. **10** A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; **11** Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself. (KJV)

2 Pet 3:15-18

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; **16** As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. **17** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. **18** But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (KJV)

II Jn 1:7-13

7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who **(1)confess** not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. **8** Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. **9** Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **10** If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: **11** For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. **12** Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. **13** The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen. (KJV)

Definition: **(1)confess** not-3670 homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o); from a compound of the base of 3674 and 3056; to assent, i.e. covenant, acknowledge: KJV-- con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, to say the same thing as another, that is, to agree with, to assent, to concede, not to refuse, to promise, not to deny, to declare openly, to profess oneself the worshiper of one give thanks, promise.