

Living Sensibly

OBJECTIVES:

Determine what specific things from Scripture we can do to “live sensibly, righteously and godly”.

Key Verse for Class

Tit. 2:12

12 instructing us **to deny** ungodliness and worldly desires and **to live** sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.

Ungodliness

Lack of reverence for God and living a life based upon it.

Worldly desires

Our definition of worldliness [= practices, desires and attitudes of the world that are ungodly.]

Sensibly

Exercising good judgment.

Righteously

Upright — not coming under the judgment of God.

Godly

Opposite of ungodliness. To live a life in a manner in accordance with God's will.

Older Men

2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

Older Women

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 that they may encourage the young women ...

Younger Women

4 ... the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

Younger Men

6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

Bondslaves

9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,
10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

Why This Behavior?

11 For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all men,

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7. Who is the “world” in these passages (John 17:14-21)?

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MATERIALISM

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seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

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Acts that lead to immorality.

Yes.

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Creator of us and has authority to command us.

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all mankind including atheists.

75. What duties and rights do wives and husbands have with regard to sexual needs and desires?

To have them filled by each other.

DRESS

101. What can we learn from the story about Adam & Eve's clothes?

1. God is concerned about what we wear.
2. Man's choice about what we wear may not be acceptable to God.

103. How are women to adorn themselves according to 1 Tim. 2:9-10?

proper clothing

modestly

discreetly.

Objectives Achieved?

- IDENTIFY WORLDLINESS IN OUR LIVES.
- DEVELOP & EXECUTE PLAN OF REPENTANCE.
- ANSWER REVIEW QUESTIONS.
- SATISFY LESSON PLAN.

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3. What did Isaiah admit to God before accepting his call?

I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips.

4. What is the implication of evil companions in 1 Cor. 15:33?

Influence and can impact people.

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6. Where does Jesus state that His Apostles were “not of the world”?

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13. What was the Ephesians condition when they “of the world”?

Dead spiritually due to their trespasses and sins.

14. In 1 Pet. 1:14-19, who molded these peoples “way of life” when they were “of the world” and why did they do this?

- forefathers
- inherited (tradition, their norm)

15. In I Pet. 1:14-19, what is to be the norm of their lives?

Be holy as written by the Holy One,
vs. 15-16

16. In Tit. 2:1, 10-14, what are 3 things that God's people are instructed to do?

- 1) deny ungodliness & worldly desires
- 2) live sensibly, righteously and godly
- 3) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of God

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19. According to John 8:39 and 42, what two things does a child of God do?

1. do the deeds of Abraham.
2. Love Me (JC)

20. List several people who were dishonest in the Bible.

Cain, Abraham, Jacob, David, Lawyer, Ananias & Sapphira, Rich Men who withheld wages (Jam. 5:4)

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24. In the Scriptures just referenced, what is the attitude Jesus mentioned when one has a materialistic desires?

worry, anxiety

25. In Matt. 6:19-24, what does the eye represent and what does it mean by “if your eye is clear”?

- eye = mental faculties which apprehends divine truth and guides our life.
- eye clear = to be mentally honest, think clearly based on truth and honesty.

26. In Luke 12:35-40, what is the family of words mentioned and what threatens it?

- ready” family of words
- materialism

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28. What is the view of life commended in Eccl. 5:18-20? Is this view contrary to Jesus' teachings?

- Enjoy oneself in one's labor.
- No. Eccl. viewpoint under sun. Jesus warnings looking toward spiritual reward and priorities.

29. What is evil in the just referenced Scripture (Eccl. 5:18-20)?

Not enjoying the fruit of your labor.

30. Why does God give us things according to 1 Tim. 6:17-19?

To enjoy

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1. woe
2. sorrow
3. contentions
4. complaining
5. wounds w/o cause
6. eyes see strange things
7. mind utter perverse things
8. strike me but I did not become ill
9. beat me but I did not know it
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Difficult if not impossible. Need clear minds to hear and believe God’s Laws.

39. What are the eternal consequences of drug abuse and what phrase in Gal. 5:19,21 includes drug abuse?

1. Not inherit the kingdom of God.
2. “practice such things”

40. Drug abuse can be destructive to the conscience. What 3 things why the Gentiles (worldly unbelievers) were excluded from the life of God?

1. ignorance
2. hardness of their heart
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1. set My (God's) face against the people.
2. cut off from among his people.

46. What are the 9 occult practices listed in Deut. 18:9-15 and define each?

1) "Pass thru the fire" - cultic idolatrous rite?

2) "Divination" -

a. "practices witchcraft" NKJV

3) "Witchcraft" -

a. "observer of times" KJV; "practiseth augury" ASV; "soothsayer" NKJV, RSV; "sorcery" NIV

4) "One who interprets omens" -

a. "omen" - "a thing or happening supposed to foretell a future event, either good or evil; augury" W.NWD

5) "Sorcerer" -

a. "witch" KJV; "engages in witchcraft" NIV

6) "One who casts a spell" -

a. "charmer" KJV, ASV, RSV

7) "Medium" -

a. "consulter with familiar spirits" KJV, ASV

8) "Spiritist" -

a. "wizard" KJV, ASV, RSV

9) "One who calls up the dead" -

a. "necromancy" - "1. the practice of claiming to foretell the future by alleged communication with the dead.

47. In Isa. 8:19-20, what is the prophet's instruction vs. consulting with mediums and spiritists?

To the law and to the testimony

48. How does the LORD cause omens of boasters to fail according to Isa. 44:7, 24-28?

1. Confirming the word of His servant
2. performing the purpose of His messengers

49. What two things did God tell Israel in Jer. 10:1-2,6?

1. Hear the Word of the Lord.
2. Do not learn the way of nations.

50. What reason did Jeremiah provide?

customs of the peoples are delusion

51. In this same passage, who did Jeremiah say their should confidence should lie in?

There is none like Thee, O LORD

52. What kind of influence did Simon the magician have on the people of Samaria?

significant

1. Vs. 9 “astonishing the people”.
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1. Miriam and women praising Lord for deliverance from the Egyptians, Ex. 15:20-21.
2. Men & women dancing around golden calf, Ex. 32:19, 23.
3. Women dancing after victory over Philistines by King Saul and David, 1 Sam. 18:6-7.
4. David dancing after return of the Ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6:14,16.
5. Children dancing because they are happy, Job. 21:7, 11-12.

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6. Men & women praise the Lord thru dance, Ps. 149: 1-3.
7. Indefinite on who. Appointed times, not necessary approval, Eccl. 3:1,4.
8. Indefinite on who, parable, prodigal son, Luke 15:25,27.

No. Most scriptures are one sex by themselves. Many are for praise. Being in OT, not under this dispensation for worship.

56. How many of the 10 Principles of Right or Wrong does dancing may violate?

8

Only 2 probably does not violate: Is it honorable? Is it lawful?

57. What are some reasons that are given to justify dancing in public?

1. I have no evil thoughts when I dance.
2. Chaperoned dancing is OK.
3. Let children go to school dances so not go to night clubs.
4. I do it for the exercise.
5. Necessary for social acceptance.
6. Go to clubs or ballrooms but I do not dance.
7. I did it and I turned out all right.

IDOLATRY

58. What are some practices that are associated with idolatry according to 1 Sam. 15:23?

rebellion, sin of divination (witchcraft), insubordination, iniquity.

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61. What will happen if we practice idolatry according to Gal. 5:19-21?

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65. In the parallel passage in Luke 10:28, there is an added action and reward. What is it?

do this and you will live.

66. In Paul's sermon in Athens, he states at least 8 things about God, Acts 17:22-31. What are items?

- 1) made the world and all things
- 2) Lord of heaven and earth,
- 3) does not dwell in temples
- 4) neither is He served by human hands
- 5) gives to all life and breath and all things
- 6) He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth
- 7) determined their appointed times
- 8) determined boundaries of their habitation

67. According to Paul in this sermon, why did God do these things?

seek God

68. What is God declaring that men everywhere should do?

repent

69. What are some idols of today?

1. Technology.
2. Entertainment/Hobbies.
3. Self.
4. Prosperity.
5. Popularity.
6. Physical beauty.
7. Knowledge/Science.
8. Power.

SENSUALITY

70. What does the word sensuality mean in the Bible?

Unrestrained and unlawful indulgence in sexual pleasures.

71. Define these sexual words.

1. **immorality** = unlawful sexual act.
2. **impurity** = acts that lead or associated with immorality.
3. **passion** = this word reaches into the heart and deals with emotions.
4. **evil desire** = again searches the heart and has to do with intent.
5. **greed** = again searches the heart is examined; this time as to priorities.
6. **sexual promiscuity** = unlawful sexual relations.
7. **lusts** = it is strong sexual desire for what is forbidden.
8. **adultery** = unlawful sexual intercourse, in which one or both participants, is bound by law to someone else.

72. Who has the authority to tell us with whom we may have sexual relations with? What is the basis of this authority?

God, Gen. 1:1, 27, 2:16, 23-24, 3:11, 16-17.

Creator of us and has authority to command us.

73. What evidence do we have that this authority is true?

Adam & Eve disobeyed and they suffered the consequences.

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75. What duties and rights do wives and husbands have with regard to sexual needs and desires?

To have them filled by each other.

76. Who created the sexual drive in humans and how is this sexual drive to be fulfilled? Provide the Scripture for the 2nd part of the question.

God, Gen. 1:27-28, 31, 2:18, 24.

Thru marriage, Gen. 2:24.

77. What does “one flesh” mean in Gen. 2:24. Provide the logic and Scripture supporting your answer.

Sexual intercourse, 1 Cor. 6:16.
Joined to harlot, quotes Gen. 2:24.

78. To what degree is a husband and wife's sexual needs to be satisfied?

“exhilarated with her love”, Prov.
5:19.

79. What is the source of sensuality?

comes from the heart, Mark 7:20-23

80. How are we to behave properly with regard to sensuality according to Rom. 13:11-14?

Put on LJC and this means make no provision of the flesh.

81. What should be our attitudes toward sensuality?

1. mourn, repent 2 Cor. 12:20-21
2. member of our body dead to,
Col. 3:5

82. What was David doing or not doing before his sin with Bathsheba?

1. Not going out to battle.
2. Arose from bed at evening, walking around on roof top.

83. What do we learn from the story of Potiphar's wife trying to seduce Joseph that would be beneficial to us today?

flee sensuality

84. What are some things we can do to protect us from engaging in sensuality?

1. Acknowledgement of God and giving Him thanks, Rom. 1:24-27.
2. Drinking from own Cistern, Prov. 5.
3. Avoid alcohol, drugs — lower inhibitions, Lot Gen. 19:31-36.
4. Work on your marriage.

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5. Be careful with spare time, especially away from wife/husband, 2 Sam. 11:1-5.

6. Flee immorality and impurity, Gen. 39:7-12.

7. Keep the marriage bed undefiled, Heb. 13:4.

8. Do not divorce, Matt. 19:3-9

9. Do not sexually withhold your self from your husband or wife, 1 Cor. 7:1-5.

85. What are the consequences of engaging in sensuality?

1. Not inherit the Kingdom of God, Gal. 5:19
1 Cor. 6:9-10.
2. Can become callous, give yourselves over to it, practice of every kind of impurity with greed, Eph. 4:19.
3. Wrath of God will come, Col. 3:6.
4. Enslavement, black darkness, 2 Pet. 2:18.
5. Immune to the impact of the Word of God

LIVING SENSIBLY

86. Define the following words found in Tit. 2:12.

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love their husbands, to love their children, be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands

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sensible, be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech

92. Why should these 5 groups of people in Titus 2 do the things listed?

1. God has brought salvation, 2. His instructions.

DRESS

98. How did Adam and Eve feel about being naked before their sin?

Not Ashamed.

99. How did Adam and Eve feel about being naked after their sin and what did they do?

Felt ashamed and made clothes of fig leaves to cover their loin.

100. Were these clothes acceptable to God?

NO.



101. What can we learn from the story about Adam & Eve's clothes?

1. God is concerned about what we wear.
2. Man's choice about what we wear may not be acceptable to God.

102. What various things do clothes communicate according to the Scriptures examined?

1. mourning.
2. impression.
3. humiliation.
4. virginity.
5. harlotry.
6. royalty.
7. rich/poor.

103. How are women to adorn themselves according to 1 Tim. 2:9-10?

proper clothing

modestly

discreetly.

104. What should a Christian woman's focus be and what is her motivation according to 1 Tim. 2:9-10?

good works

claim to godliness

105. How many of the 10 principals of right or wrong does immodest dress violate?

9-10 (include dress codes).