Guidelines For Godly Living Philippians 2:1-16

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- Always obey the plain commands or clear teaching of God's word ... Never do anything that contradicts the Bible.
 - $^\circ\,$ cf. Acts 26:14; 19ff Paul could not kick against the goad.
 - 2 Peter 3:16 "Some things hard to be understood ..."

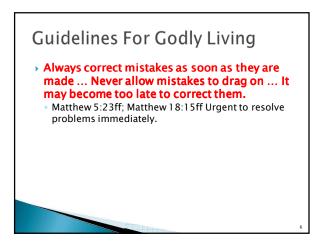
Guidelines For Godly Living Always do that which you know to be right ... Never do that which is sinful in itself.

- Some things are clearly wrong. 1 Corinthians 5:1ff; Ephesians 4:25ff 5:3; Galatians 5:19ff; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
- Do not provide for these things. Romans 13:11-14
 Learn to flee. 2 Timothy 2:22; James 4:7; Genesis 39:7ff

Guidelines For Godly Living Always act in good conscience ... Never violate your own conscience or cause someone else to violate his conscience. Romans 14:23; 1 Corinthians 8; 1 Corinthians 10:29 *1 John 3:20 "because if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."*Always maintain the possibility of being wrong. cf. Acts 23:1ff

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- Always do that which encourages righteousness ... Never condone or do that which encourages wickedness or error.
 - $^\circ$ Ephesians 4:15–16 Let people know I am opposed to what is done.
 - Ephesians 5:8ff "Have no fellowship with..."
 - 2 John 9–11
 - Do not consent with sinners. *Proverbs 1:10 "My son, if sinners entice thee, Consent thou not."*
 - Maintain a proper attitude. Galatians 4:16; Galatians 2:5
 - "Everybody's doing it." cf. Romans 12:1–2; 1 Peter 4:3–4
 - To know of another's guilt and do nothing is wrong.
 Ezekiel 3:17-21; Acts 20:26-27



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- Always show respect for sacred things Never regard sacred things in a light or flippant manner.
- Matthew 6:9ff Our Father ... Hallowed ...
 - "I will extol thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name forever and ever" (Psalms 145:1).
 - "Holy and reverend is thy name" (Psalms 111:9).
 - *Sacred scriptures." 2 Timothy 3:15*

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God demands reverence.

- "... Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exodus 3:3–5).
- "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him" (Psalms 89:7).
- "Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well pleasing to God with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

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 - Evidence of irreverence toward God can be seen in our appearance when we worship God.
 - Matthew 15:18-20 cf. (Proverbs 23:7) "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"
 - Further evidence irreverence exists when we applaud and cheer in worship to God.
 - "Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one a thyself" (Psalms 50:21); cf. Acts 17:24ff; Revelation 4:8– 11
 - Evidence of irreverence toward God can be seen in our language. "Oh God!, Jesus" Ephesians 4:29

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- Always have an open mind, Listen to the other person's view ... Never close your mind to the truth, from any source. cf. Matthew 13:15
- James 1:19 "But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."
 - Parent / Child relationship. cf. Ephesians 6:4

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- Always deal fairly and honestly with all men ... Never deal dishonestly or unfairly with any man, Friend or Foe. Certainly, deal fairly with God's word.
 - $^\circ$ If you want to be what you ought to be honesty is essential. cf. Matthew 7:12
 - Romans 12:17 "Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men."
 - 2 Corinthians 8:21; cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12.

Guidelines For Godly Living Always maintain your good name or influence. Note parallel between Philippians 2:14ff and Matthew 5:13ff. Proverbs 22:1 "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

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- Always exercise patience and self-control ... Never allow yourself to become agitated or pressured to act in an irrational manner.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Patience toward all men.
 James 1:19-20 "But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."
 - James 5:11 "ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, how that the Lord is full of pity, and merciful."

Guidelines For Godly Living Always stand humbly and boldly for your convictions, respect the convictions of others when you can ... Never be ashamed of Christ or of His church. Peer pressure. Paul. cf. 2 Timothy 1:8,12; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15 Onesiphorus. cf. 2 Timothy 1:16.

Guidelines For Godly Living

- Always put yourself in the background ... Never speak disparagingly about others in their absence.
- Proverbs 27:2 "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; A stranger, and not thine own lips."
- Philippians 2:3 "each counting other better than himself"
- Colossians 4:6 "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one."

Guidelines For Godly Living Always follow a safe course ... Never accept a

practice that is questionable.
2 Peter 1:5-11; especially verses 10-11.

Guidelines For Godly Living Always put God first ... Never try to give God second place. Matthew 6:19, 33; Colossians 1:18; 3:2ff

• It's first place or none with God!