

# ELEMENTS OF GODLY LIVING

## *Psalm 37:1-8*

### Instruction in Wisdom

<sup>1</sup> Do<sup>[a]</sup> not be agitated by evildoers;  
do not envy those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> For they wither quickly like grass  
and wilt like tender green plants.

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do what is good;  
dwell in the land and live securely.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and He will give you your heart's desires.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in Him, and He will act,

<sup>6</sup> making your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
your justice like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the LORD and wait expectantly for Him;  
do not be agitated by one who prospers in his way,  
by the man who carries out evil plans.

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and give up your rage;  
do not be agitated—it can only bring harm.

### **I. David Gives a Warning**

#### *Proverbs 24:19-20*

Don't be agitated by evildoers,  
and don't envy the wicked.

<sup>20</sup> For the evil have no future;  
the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

#### *Proverbs 14:30*

A tranquil heart is life to the body,  
but jealousy is rottenness to the bones.

## II. Learning to Trust in the Lord

### *Proverbs 3:5*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own understanding;

### *Psalms 31:14*

But I trust in You, LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."

### *Psalms 84:12*

Happy is the person who trusts in You,  
LORD of Hosts!

### **Brennan Manning**

**You will trust God to the degree you know you are loved by Him**

### **Corrie Ten Boom**

**"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."**

## III. Take delight in the Lord

### **Psalm 27:4-6**

I have asked one thing from the LORD;  
it is what I desire:  
to dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
gazing on the beauty of the LORD  
and seeking Him in His temple.  
<sup>5</sup> For He will conceal me in His shelter  
in the day of adversity;  
He will hide me under the cover of His tent;  
He will set me high on a rock.  
<sup>6</sup> Then my head will be high  
above my enemies around me;  
I will offer sacrifices in His tent with shouts of joy.  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

## **IV. Commit to the Lord**

### ***Revelation 3:16***

So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth.

### ***1 Kings 8:61***

Let your heart be completely devoted to the LORD our God to walk in His statutes and to keep His commands, as it is today.”

### ***Proverbs 3:5***

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own understanding;

### ***Proverbs 16:3***

Commit your activities to the LORD,  
and your plans will be achieved.

### ***Psalms 37:5***

Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in Him, and He will act,

## **V. Be Silent in the Lord**

### ***Job 29:21***

Men listened to me with expectation,  
waiting silently for my advice.

### ***Job 6:24***

Teach me, and I will be silent.  
Help me understand what I did wrong.

### ***Psalms 46:10***

“Be still and know that I am God!  
I will be honored by every nation.  
I will be honored throughout the world.”

### ***Isaiah 26:3***

You will keep the mind that is dependent on You  
in perfect peace,  
for it is trusting in You.

**Mother Teresa**

**God speaks in the SILENCE of the heart  
LISTENING is the beginning of PRAYER**

## **Conclusion**

**Corrie ten Boon**

“When we are powerless to do a thing, it is great joy that we can come and step inside the ability of Jesus”