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THE GODLY TAKE GOD SERIOUSLY

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God
Psalms 42:1 (NIV)

Whatever we may say godliness is, it is *not* skin deep. It is something below the surface of a life, deep down in the realm of an attitude....an attitude towards God Himself.

The longer I think about this, the more I believe that a person who is godly is one whose heart is sensitive towards God, one who takes God seriously. These evidences itself in one vary obvious mannerism – the godly individual hungers and thirsts after God. In the words of the psalmists, the godly person has a soul that (pants) for the living God.

The one who sustains this pursuit maybe young or old, rich or poor, urban or rural, leader or follower, of any race or color, or culture or any temperament, active or quiet, married or single; none of these things really matter.

But what does matter is the individual's inner craving to know God, listen to Him, and walk humbly with Him. As I mentioned, the godly take him seriously. Amen.

Chuck Swindoll
Strengthening Your Grip

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

