

# *Lesson 23: A Form of Godliness*

Life in the Word Series:  
'From Such Turn Away'

*Foundation Scripture Lesson:*

*11 Timothy 3:1-5*

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“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

## *11 Timothy 3:6-9*

For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

*“Form” is “mere appearance that has no relation to reality.”*

*It is “outward form”, “outward appearance”, to “make a pretense”, or “maintain a facade.”*

*“Godliness,” is the way we live.  
It impacts and changes our lives.  
“Godliness” has to do with holiness, to  
living like God.*

*Christianity vs. A Form of Godliness*

*“Whose standards  
are we living by?”  
“Ours?” Or “God’s”?*

*Examples of a 'Form of Godliness'*

## *Luke 13:3*

“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

*John 14:15*

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

## *Luke 9:23*

“Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me”

## *Matthew 15:8*

“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me”

*The Damage of Lukewarm  
Christians is Catastrophic.*

## *1 Corinthians 10:21*

“You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons”

*Looking Like the World*

## *John 15:19*

“If you were of the world, the world would love its own.  
Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you  
out of the world, therefore the world hates you”

# *1 John 4:1*

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world”

## *Matthew 7:21-23*

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

*Godliness with power occurs only  
when we are born again and have  
the Holy Spirit.*

*“If I walk with the world,  
I can't walk with God.”*

# *Follow Up Questions:*

1. What is your definition of a “form of godliness”?
2. How would you define “godliness”?
3. Give some examples of “Having a form of godliness.” Explain.
4. Describe the characteristics of a “lukewarm” Christian.
5. In what way(s) does lukewarm Christianity infect the church?
6. How is godliness empowered?
7. How can you apply this lesson to your Christian walk?