

# Godly Youth

*Young in Age, Strong in Heart*

## What Are You Wearing?

If you watch television or walk down the street, you will see people wearing all kinds of clothing. People choose their clothes for different reasons.

Some wear t-shirts with messages on them to tell people what kind of sports and teams they like. Some like to wear expensive clothes so other people will think that they have lots of money. Some people wear certain kinds of clothes to show they belong to a certain group of people at school. Most of us have probably known times when our parents bought us something we did not want to wear because we thought it would make us look silly.

Those who serve God must be careful about what they wear. Some clothes can

make other people think bad thoughts. If we are not wearing enough clothes or our clothes are so tight that

they let people see things they should not, we should refrain from those

clothes. Music and movie stars will often wear clothes that reveal too much of their bodies. The Bible calls such clothing

*i m m o d e s t*. I m m o d e s t means not modest. To be

modest is to be decent both in your clothes and the way you act. A person can be dressed in good clothes but act like a bad person. That person would still be

immodest.

Our parents try to help us learn how to be modest. Maybe your friends are wearing a certain type of outfit and you want to wear it. Your parents object because it does not send the right message; it is immodest. Listen to your parents, I can almost guarantee that their parents had the same conversation with them when they were young people. They want to help you show others, by what you wear, that you live by God's principles.

Sadly, some people cannot blush when they wear such little clothing out in public. When I lived in Florida, I was amazed at the people who would go to grocery stores in nothing but bathing suits. We must not let what others wear influence what we wear. Wear clothes that show the purity of your heart.



## Pray for: Make Good Choices

Every day each of us has to make good choices. Friends at school, in our neighborhoods, and even friends from church ask us to do things and to go places. We must make good decisions about what is right to do and what we should avoid. We should also pray for the courage to explain to others why they should not do things that are wrong. You can teach them this way.

You become stronger when you make good

choices. In Hebrews 5:14, the writer compares it to exercising. When you exercise your muscles you become stronger. When you exercise good decision making, it is easier to choose the good in the future.

Even your parents have to make good choices. Pray for them to make good choices as they try to raise you. They are probably praying to God for the same thing. You will pray for good choices all of your life.

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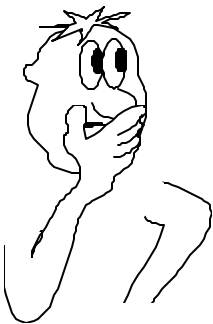
*" [They] searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."*

*Acts 17:11*



### Lessons from Obadiah

- God knows who mistreats His people and will punish them
- We should not help people mistreat others but be friends in a time of need
- God is watching how we treat others
- Do not kick someone when they are down



***“Know what you will do in a situation before that situation arises.”***

## Meeting the Prophets: Obadiah

The prophet Obadiah was sent to talk to the people of the nation of Edom. The Edomites were related to the Israelites. Israel came from Jacob, the Edomites came from his brother, Esau.

In the story of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25-27, 32-33), the brothers were born at the same time but looked different. Esau was the oldest and would be the leader of the family when his father died except he sold that right, called the birthright, to Jacob for a pot of stew when he was very hungry. Jacob later deceived his father into making sure that he got the blessing. Esau was angry and wanted to kill Jacob so, for a long time, Jacob lived far from Esau.

Just as the brothers struggled in their lives, the nations that followed them, the Israelites and Edomites, struggled with one another. One time when Israel was attacked by an enemy, the Edomites did not help and, in fact, took some of the treasures from Israel and some of the people as slaves.

God sent Obadiah to tell the Edomites that he was not pleased with them. Obadiah told the Edomites that they should not have stood by when Israel was taken captive by their enemies or killed the Israelites who tried to escape from the enemies. Though they were strong, God told the Edomites that stronger nations would come and punish

them. God would bring Israel back to their land but Edom would be destroyed.

We should learn an important lesson from this. When something bad happens to someone, we should not do bad things to them or help those who are being mean. Some call it “kicking someone when they are down.”

We who love God should help people up when they fall, we should help them in bad times especially when no one else will help them. There are some people at school who have to suffer bad things and, on top of that, other people make fun of them. We should try to help them, not make them feel worse. God knows and He sees what we do.

### What Do You Think She Should Do?

Jill was invited by her friends to a pool party of just the girls. These friends from her junior high school often went to Jen’s house since she had a private pool with a big fence. The girls would swim, talk, and listen to the radio.

After about an hour, Jen said that some of the boys from school wanted to come over and swim with them. Jen said it would be great. Jill did not feel comfortable with this. She did not feel her clothes would be appropriate if the boys were present. None of the other girls seemed to have a problem with the boys coming. If she said something, they might think she was weird.

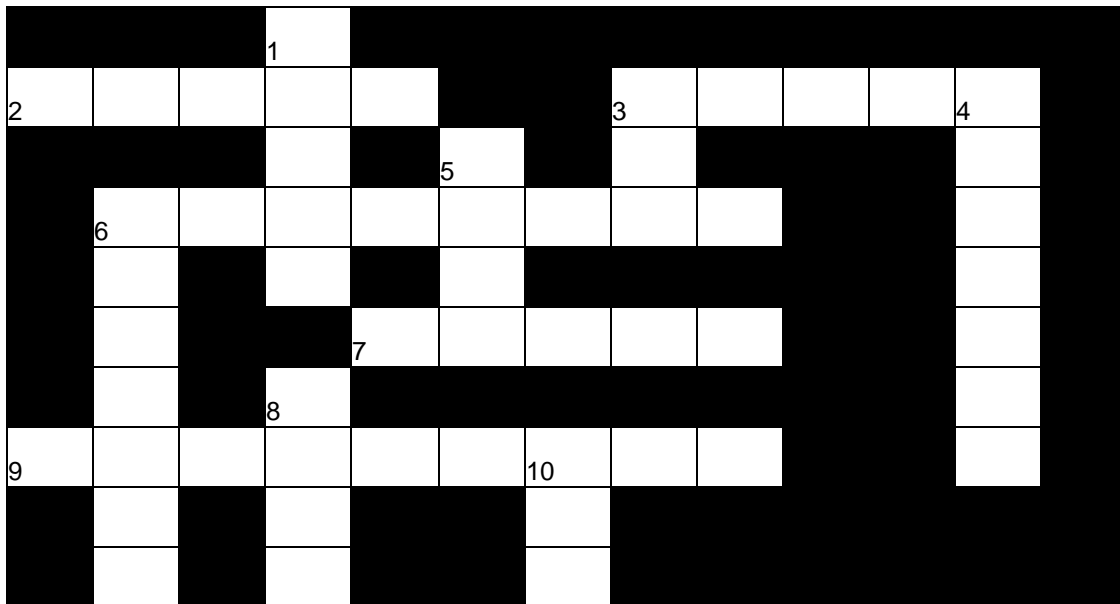
### Who Am I?

1. I was a centurion, a Roman official over a large number of soldiers.
2. Though a Roman, I gave money to poor people of the Jews and prayed to God.
3. I was not a Christian so God sent Peter to teach me and my family about Jesus.
4. The Holy Spirit came upon me and my family showing that we could be baptized by Peter.

*Do you know who I am? (Answer below)*

*I am Cornelius (Acts 10)!*

## Crossword: Parables



### Across

- 2 He spread the seed of the gospel (Matthew 13:18)
- 3 A great meal (Matthew 22:4)
- 6 The king gave a great meal to celebrate his son's (Matthew 22:2)
- 7 A man had 100 of these but lost one (Matthew 18:12)
- 9 The Good \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:33)

### Down

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ of Great Price (Matthew 13:45)
- 3 A tree that Jesus cursed (Matthew 21:19)
- 4 A type of money (Matthew 25:15)
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19)
- 6 The smallest seed (Mark 4:31)
- 8 The rich man wanted to put treasures in this (Luke 12:18)
- 10 The number of virgins waiting for the groom (Matt. 25:1)

Memory Verse: Verse: John 15:14

"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."

What would it take to be a friend of God? Abraham was called the friend of God, James 2:23. We know that Abraham had faith in God; he trusted God with his life. Abraham obeyed God's command and pleased Him, Hebrews 11:6.

Jesus told His disciples that if they did what He commanded, they would prove their friendship to Him. We cannot say that

we love Jesus and not do what He says, Luke 6:46.

Jesus proved His friendship by dying for us in order to save us from sin. In the verse before our memory verse, John 15:13, Jesus said that the greatest love anyone could show would be to die for his friends. Jesus showed us that He is the greatest friend we will ever have by sacrificing Himself to save us.

Knowing His love for us, and that He showed His love for us before He demanded obedience, how can we not obey Him? He wants us to be safe in this world and saved eternally. If we follow His commandments we will enjoy a wonderful life on this earth and a home in heaven. Jesus is our friend; let us show him we are His friends.



# Reputation

Reputation is precious, but character is priceless.

Reputation is what others think of you. Character is what you really are.

A good name is attained by many actions and may be lost by one.

Reputation can be sullied by slander, but character, never!

Every man has three names: the name he inherits,  
the name given by his parents, and the name he makes for himself.

A good name is to be more desired than great riches,  
favor is better than silver and gold.  
Proverbs 22:1

Do not let kindness and truth leave you;  
Bind them around your neck,  
Write them on the tablet of your heart.  
So you will find favor and good repute  
In the sight of God and man.  
Proverbs 3:3-4

From Ron Adam's Thursday Thoughts

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I hope you enjoyed this issue of *Godly Youth*. If you have ideas for articles or questions you want to ask, you can email me at [rhodes.davis@comcast.net](mailto:rhodes.davis@comcast.net) or write to the address below.

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