

THE GODLY BODY

Introduction: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your _____ a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Ro. 12:1).

I. _____ Hands (Ps. 37:26-29)

- A. Merciful is "to bend or stoop in _____ to an inferior; to favor."
- B. We are never more like God than when we are _____.
- C. Christians should be known as _____ people.
- D. Believers should be _____ instead of borrowers (Ps. 112:5; Pr. 19:17; 22:7)
- E. The _____ of the godly will emulate the character of their parents.
- F. We need to be filling our time with doing _____ (Mt. 5:16).
- G. God is pleased when we do what is _____ (Micah 6:8).
- H. _____ means "to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to."
- I. You can never out _____ God (Mal. 3:10).

II. _____ Mouth (Ps. 37:30)

- A. "The mouth betrays the _____" (Spurgeon) (Lu. 6:45).
- B. "The lips of the righteous know what is _____" (Pr. 10:32).
- C. Speak words which will _____ others up (Eph. 4:29).

III. _____ Heart (Ps. 37:31)

- A. "The best thing—the law of His God, in the best _____—in his heart, producing the best results—his steps do not slip" (Spurgeon).
- B. The _____ to success in the Christian life is keeping God's Word in your heart (Josh. 1:8; Jn. 15:7).

IV. _____ Feet (Ps. 37:31)

- A. The steps of the godly are _____ steps that will not slip into sin.
- B. "Ponder the _____ of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established" (Pr. 4:26).

Conclusion: "By following God's Word he practices industriousness, thrift, and conservation. By working hard, shopping carefully, eliminating waste, and avoiding extravagance, he is able to stretch his funds and thereby to help others who are in need" (MacDonald).