

# The Correspondent

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM

Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## God's Training Grace II

- Renn Ferguson

**L**ast week we began to notice Titus 2:11-12. We learned the fact that while God's grace possesses saving power, it also possesses training power. This week we will begin to notice more specially the areas in which God's grace trains us.

**Training us to renounce ungodliness...** The term ungodliness here means "wickedness" or, "want of revenge toward God". God's grace trains us to put away everything that he deems wicked. If one is a partaker of God's grace a reverence for God and abhorrence of sin should naturally grow (Romans 12:9).

**...and worldly passions...** If one renounces ungodliness one must of necessity also abstain from worldly passions. These passions are described by John as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:15-17). These same passions are said to war against our souls (1 Peter 2:11). It is through giving in to these desires that one sins and dies spiritually (James 1:14-15).

**...and to live self-controlled...** This would naturally ensue if one has renounced ungodliness and worldly passions. As just mentioned, we are tempted by our own desires (James 1:14). In order to abstain from sin, one must practice self-control. We must deny ourselves the things for which our passions burns so that we are not disqualified (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

There are still a few things Paul addresses in these short verses. For the sake of space, we will stop here and finish the discussion next week. For now, let us strive to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions and live a self-controlled life as God's grace trains us to do.

*Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified. (1 Corinthians 9:26-27)*

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