5. How can 1 Peter 2:17 be reconciled with the apparently contradictory statement in 2 Timothy 1:7?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. How does this study affect your present fellowship with God?

2. How does this study impact your prayers for others?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

Keeping Up Appearances

| Introduction: Hebrews 3:12–4:2; Psalm 78:5–8. | |
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| is not the same as | |
| A. A "God" | |
| Ecclesiastes 3:11; Romans 1:19–20 | |
| B | |
| C religious experie | nce. |
| Hebrews 4:2 | |
| II. The of faith | |
| without the | _ God. |
| Hebrews 3:17; 4:2 | |
| A. What does the | |
| look like? Psalm 78:32–35, 23–29, 13–16, 12 | |
| B. A religious person can be | |
| God. Psalm 78:10–12, 34–37, 29, 32 | , 13–17 |
| C. Don't to the | |
| PSALM 78:17–20; DEUTERONOMY 6:16–18 | |

| III. A proper | is the catalyst |
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| for | · |
| A. It is to _ | · |
| • The fear of the Lord is | a continual |
| that you are in the | of a, |
| , and | God. Hebrews 4:1 |
| B. A of | breeds |
| C | |
| is | to the fear of God. |
| Hebrews 11:7; 12:21; 1 Pe | ETER 1:17; 2 CORINTHIANS 7:1; 2 PETER 1:5–8 |
| Conclusion: Are you | to? |
| Hebrews 3:12–4:2; Matthew | 7:21–23 |
| STUDY & DIS | SCUSSION QUESTIONS |
| 1. What kind of "religion | ous experiences" might an atheist have? |

2. What does the *appearance of faith* look like? Pastor Keith gave four examples. Offer a few additional examples.

3. Explain what it means to *provoke* God (Hebrews 3:17 ESV) and give examples of ways that people *provoke* the Lord.

4. List and briefly explain each time Psalm 78 talks about *testing the Lord*.