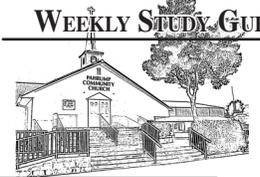


3. What are the most glaring evidences you see that indicate a lack of godly seriousness in our culture?

4. What evidences do you see that indicate a lack of godly seriousness in the 21st century church?



# God Expects You to Get Serious

Introduction: 1 TIMOTHY 3:8

I. \_\_\_\_\_!

A. Translations. *Semnos* = \_\_\_\_\_ (ESV),  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (NIV),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (KJV), \_\_\_\_\_ (NKJV),  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (NEB),  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (GNT),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (BERKELEY), \_\_\_\_\_ (RSV).

B. Definition. *Semnos* points to \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_.

• God expects you to be \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_!

A. \_\_\_\_\_ is no \_\_\_\_\_ . GENESIS 3:1-6

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

PSALM 53:1-3; GENESIS 6:5-6; ROMANS 1:18

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

• If God has shown you an area in your life where you need to be more *serious*, what steps can you take to be more godly?

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

C. \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
and it \_\_\_\_\_ us from \_\_\_\_\_.  
EZEKIEL 18:4; ROMANS 6:23

D. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. ROMANS 2:1-3, 5-6, 8-9

III. \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_!  
ROMANS 6:23

A. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_. JOHN 14:6; COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

B. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_. EZEKIEL 33:2-6; MATTHEW 28:18-20; HEBREWS 9:27

C. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_  
that accompanies \_\_\_\_\_. TITUS 2:11-15

Conclusion: EPHESIANS 5:4; JUDE 1:14-15

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## STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. The English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible usually translates this Greek word (*semnos*) as “dignity” or “dignified.” Use a dictionary to define *dignity*.

2. This word is underlined in the following Bible quotes (ESV). For each of these references compare at least one other version of the Bible that uses a different translation, then explain how the concept of *seriousness* would apply in the context of that verse.

- *He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive.* 1 Timothy 3:4

- *[Pray] for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.* 1 Timothy 2:2

- *Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.* Titus 2:2

- *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity.* Titus 2:7