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ADDING GODLINESS

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

2 Peter 1:5-8

⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5-8

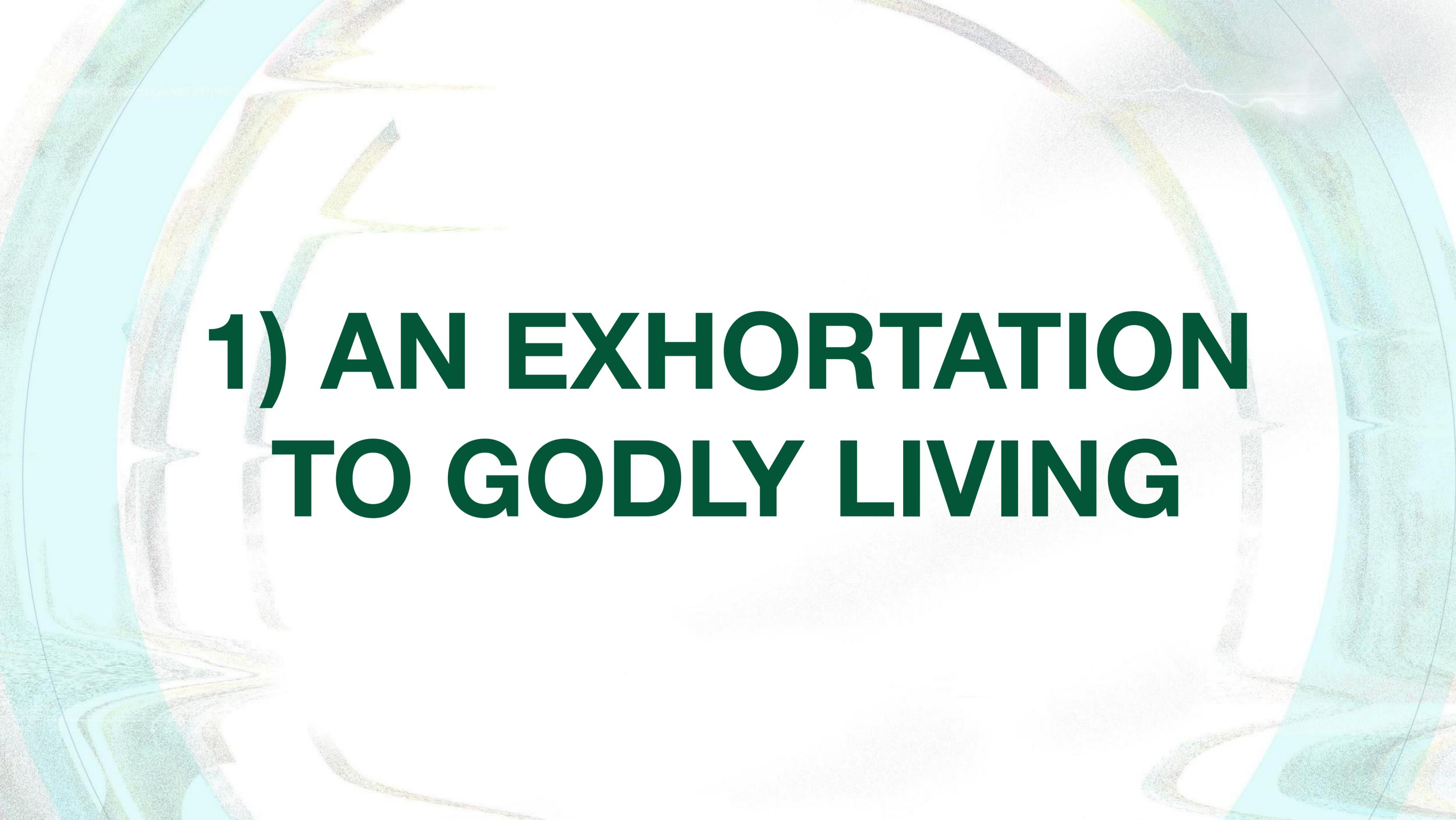
⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God,** knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 1:5

³ His divine power has given us **everything we need for a godly life** through our knowledge of him.

2 Peter 1:3

It was Jesus who made godliness attainable. We can equate godliness with Christlikeness.



1) AN EXHORTATION TO GODLY LIVING

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21



A) Yes & No

“The oldest, shortest words – 'yes' and 'no' – are those which require the most thought.”

- Pythagoras -
(570 - 495 BC)

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

Titus 2:11-12



B) Present & Future

⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

We must ask ourselves, “Will the benefits be physical or spiritual?” and “Will the benefits be temporary or eternal?”

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

2 Peter 3:11-12



2) AN EXHORTATION TO GODLY SORROW

⁸ Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us.

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

¹⁰ Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. ¹¹ See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

Godly sorrow is the choice to see
the error of our way and repent

Paul was not afraid to have tough conversations, initiated reconciliation and was more interested about godly character and less interested about being right

Godly sorrow is the desire to
come to the end of life without
any regrets

Godly Sorrow Produces...

1) Earnestness

2) Eagerness

3) Indignation

4) Alarm

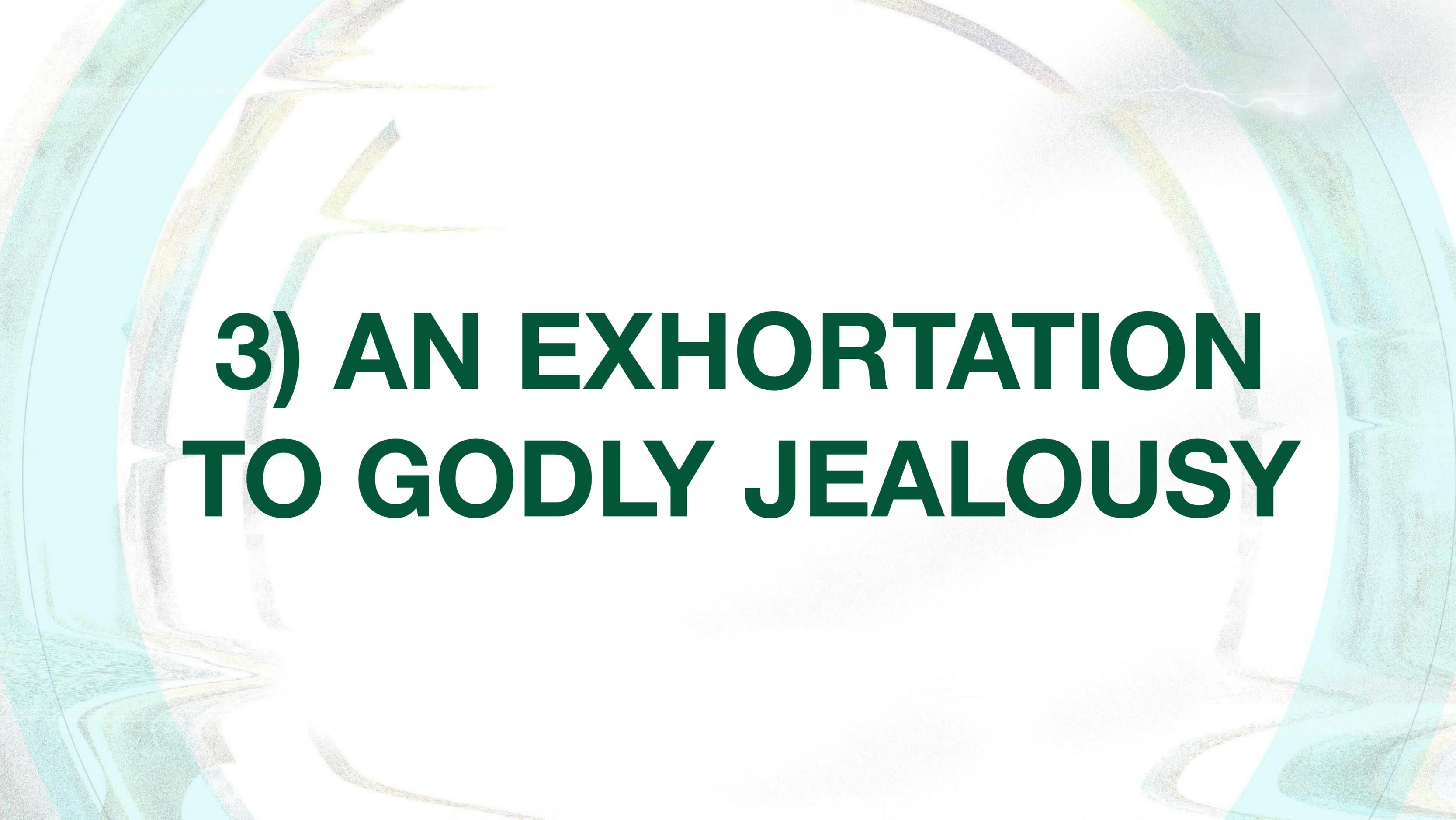
5) Longing

6) Concern

7) Readiness

You're more alive, more concerned, more sensitive, more reverent, more human, more passionate, more responsible.

2 Corinthians 7:11 (MSG)



**3) AN EXHORTATION
TO GODLY JEALOUSY**

Jealousy is wrong if motivated out of selfishness, but jealousy is right if motivated by selflessness

² I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy.
I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so
that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.
³ But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived
by the serpent's cunning, your minds may
somehow be led astray from your sincere and
pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

⁴ For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

⁵ You shall not bow down to [idols] or
worship them; for I, the LORD your God,
am a jealous God.

Exodus 20:5

Godliness is not interested in
counterfeits and trends, but with truth

⁵ Having **a form of godliness** but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

2 Timothy 3:5



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