1 - ***“The Godly”*** (Psalms 4)

2 - **The Godly Value the Valuable (vs. 2)**

* David asks, ***“How long will you love what is worthless?”*** (vs. 2)
* The godly are able to discern those things that are of **lasting value** from those which are **temporal and fleeting**. (Jeremiah 15:19; Hebrews 11:24-26)
* Paul understood the *“surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord”* and the *“rubbish”* that the things of this life represented (Philippians 3:7-8).
* **The value of the unseen**. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

3 - **The Godly Love Truth (vs. 2)**

* David asked, *“****How long will you keep aiming at deception****?”*
* Isaiah spoke of those who aimed at deception in Isaiah 30:10-11, *“…you* ***must not prophesy what is right*** *…* ***turn aside from the path****…* ***let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel****.”*
* We live in a world that has *“****exchanged the truth of God for a lie****”*.
(Romans 1:25)
* Living by human authority and loving it. (Jeremiah 5:31; Judges 21:25)
* We need to **love and value truth** (Prov. 23:23; 2 Thess. 2:10) and not view those who ***“speak the truth in love”*** (Eph. 4:15) as an “***enemy***” (Gal. 4:16).

4 – **The Godly are useful to the Master (vs. 3)**

* ***“The Lord has set apart the godly man for Himself.”***
* Useful, humble **Christians belong to God** and consider themselves to be servants in His service. (2 Timothy 2:21; 1 Corinthians 4:1; 1 Peter 2:9-10)
* The godly take all that the Master has blessed us with and use it diligently and faithfully in His service. (Matthew 25:14-30)

5 - **The Godly are prayerful People (vs. 3)**

* David said in vs. 3, ***“the Lord hears when I call to Him.”***
* We do so **knowing He hears prayers of the faithful**. (1 John 5:13-14; cf., John 9:31; Psalms 34:15-16)
* The godly pray **consistently and persistently**. (1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1-8)
* **Never a time, place or situation in life to stop**! (Daniel 6:10)

6 - **The Godly are Fearful & reverent (vs. 4)**

* In vs. 4, David said ***“tremble and do not sin.”***
* Because of our **awe and fear of God**, the **thought of sinning and offending God** will keep the godly from straying. (Hebrews 10:30-31)
* It is to be part of our basis for **persuading others to obey the gospel**.
(2 Corinthians 5:11ff)
* It’s part of our **motivation for faithful service** all our lives.
(Hebrews 12:28-29)
* The godly understand it’s **our whole purpose** in life. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

7 - **The Godly are focused on knowing God’s word (vs. 4)**

* David said again in vs. 4, “***meditate in your heart upon your bed and be still.”***
* The godly ***“delight… in the Law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.”*** (Psalms 1:2)
* The godly understands the **sustenance that God’s word provides him every day.** (1 Timothy 4:6)
* We’re still in that we **humbly receive it** and refrain from contending against what His word says. (James 1:19-21)
* The godly view God’s word with **longing and urgency** that will fuel continued **spiritual growth** (1 Peter 2:1-2).

8 – **The Godly Take up their Cross daily (vs. 5)**

* ***In vs. 5 we read where David says, “Offer the sacrifice of righteousness.”***
* ***Discipleship means we “take up (our) cross daily and follow (Him)”.
(Luke 9:23)***
* ***More than anything, the godly view their lives as “living sacrifices”. (Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20)***

***“They first gave themselves to the Lord”. (2 Corinthians 8:5)***

9 - **The Godly have a living & growing faith (vs. 5)**

* David concludes vs. 5 by simply saying, ***“trust in the Lord.”***
* For the godly, their **growing faith is the foundation** for every other spiritual quality we’re to orchestrate in our lives. (2 Peter 1:5-10)
* The **godly will have their faith tested**! (2 Timothy 3:12; James 1:2-4)

**We trust God with our very lives** as we walk by faith. (Psalms 31:14-15)

10 - **The Godly are luminaries (vs. 6)**

* We read David then saying in vs. 6, ***“Many are saying, ‘Who will show us any good?’”***
* **People are longing for some good** and don’t know where to find it. (Deuteronomy 6:24; 32:4)
* **Don’t grow weary in doing “*good*”!**. (Galatians 6:9-10)
* **Be a light** and give glory to God! (Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:15)

**11 - The Godly are joyful (vs. 7)**

* David said to his God, ***“You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and new wine abound.”***
* He experienced more joy and satisfaction than others who trusted in temporal blessings.
* ***“Be glad in the Lord”*** & in His standard of righteousness. (Psalms 97:10-12)
* Rejoicing in whatever sacrifices we make. (1 Thessalonians 5:15-16)

**12 - The Godly are At Peace (vs. 8)**

* David concluded, *“****In peace I will both lie down and sleep****, for You alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety.”* (cf., Psalms 3:3-5)
* Think of Peter as he slept while awaiting his possible death. (Acts 12:6)
* A peace beyond human comprehension. (Philippians 4:6-7; John 14:27)
* Seeking always to be at peace with God. (2 Peter 3:14)