

2 PETER 1:6

PURSUE GODLINESS

2 Peter 1:5-8



Godliness...

What does this mean about how I should live before God acceptably?

UNGODLINESS JUDGED BY GOD

Ungodliness

2 Peter 2:4-10

**GOD DID NOT SPARE ANGELS WHEN
THEY SINNED**

2 Peter 2:4

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
(2 Peter 2:4 ESV)

**HE DID NOT SPARE THE ANCIENT WORLD
... HE BROUGHT A FLOOD UPON THE
WORLD OF THE UNGODLY**

2 Peter 2:5

5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
(2 Peter 2:5 ESV)

TURNING THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH TO ASHES HE CONDEMNED THEM TO EXTINCTION, MAKING AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE UNGODLY

2 Peter 2:6

6-8: if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard

(2 Peter 2:6-8 ESV)

THE LORD KNOWS HOW TO RESCUE THE GODLY FROM TRIALS

2 Peter 2:9

9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,
(2 Peter 2:9 ESV)

**THE LORD KNOWS HOW TO RESCUE THE
GODLY FROM TRIALS**

2 Peter 2:9

Probably connects with the concept of “steadfastness”; that is, godliness is vital for us as we endure in the faith.

**UNGODLY ... SENSUAL CONDUCT OF THE WICKED
... LAWLESS DEEDS ... UNRIGHTEOUS ...
INDULGE IN THE LUST OF DEFILING PASSION ...
DESPISE AUTHORITY**

2 Peter 2:4-10

Notice how the ungodly are spoken of: sensual conduct of the wicked, lawless deeds, unrighteousness, indulge in the lust of defiling passion, despise authority

UNGODLINESS JUDGED BY GOD

**UNGODLY ... SENSUAL CONDUCT OF THE WICKED
... LAWLESS DEEDS ... UNRIGHTEOUS ...
INDULGE IN THE LUST OF DEFILING PASSION ...
DESPISE AUTHORITY**

JUDGMENT!

And it's very clear that God will judge those who are ungodly... "to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment" (11).

Jude 14-15

UNGODLINESS → NO RESPECT FOR GOD
→ LAWLESSNESS
→ WORLDLY PASSIONS

JUDGMENT!

Ungodliness is 1) no respect (fear) for God; 2) lawlessness; and 3) worldly passions (lust, materialism, sex, etc.)



Godliness, then, must be 1) respect for God; 2) lawfulness; and 3) spiritual minded ness (not fleshly, worldly)



Godliness means to respect God and His Laws leading to a respectful way of living before God and man.

GODLINESS: ONLY IN JESUS

Should be obvious from previous examples, ungodliness is a problem for all of us in the world.

The only way to truly become godly begins with Jesus.

**THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS:
HE WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH...**

2 Timothy 3:16

1 Timothy 3:16: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

GODLINESS: ONLY IN JESUS

CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY

Roman 5:6

Romans 5:6: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

HIM WHO JUSTIFIES THE UNGODLY

Roman 4:5

Romans 4:5: And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

GODLINESS: GODLY LIVES

Because of what Jesus has done for us in providing salvation and forgiveness...

TRAINING US TO RENOUNCE UNGODLINESS AND
WORLDLY PASSIONS, AND TO LIVE SELF-
CONTROLLED, UPRIGHT, AND GODLY LIVES IN THE
PRESENT AGE

Titus 2:12

Titus 2:11-14: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **training** us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and **to live** self-controlled, upright, and **godly lives** in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are **zealous for good works**.

**HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL
THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS,
THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM**

2 Peter 1:3

2 Peter 1:3: His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL
THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS,
THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM

2 Peter 1:3

2 Peter 1:3: His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through **the knowledge of him** who called us to his own glory and excellence,

**HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL
THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS,
THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM**

2 Peter 1:3

Godliness begins with understanding the truth: Jesus is Lord; Creator, Savior.

Respect God, His laws: therefore chose to follow what He says is BEST for us.

**KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, WHICH
ACCORDS WITH GODLINESS**

Titus 1:1

Titus 1:1: Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,

**THE SOUND WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST AND THE TEACHING THAT
ACCORDS WITH GODLINESS**

1 Timothy 6:3

1 Timothy 6:3: If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness,

**PEOPLE WHO ARE DEPRIVED IN MIND AND
DEPRIVED OF THE TRUTH, IMAGINING THAT
GODLINESS IS A MEANS OF GAIN**

1 Timothy 6:5

1 Timothy 6:5: and constant friction among people who are deprived in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

GODLINESS: LIVING THE TRUTH

Godliness, means not just knowing the truth, but living according to the wisdom revealed to us.

WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE OUGHT YOU TO BE IN LIVES OF HOLINESS AND GODLINESS

2 Peter 3:11

2 Peter 3:11-13: Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

PURSUE ... GODLINESS

1 Timothy 6:11

1 Timothy 6:11: But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

TRAIN YOURSELF FOR GODLINESS

1 Timothy 4:7

1 Timothy 4:7: Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;

**GODLINESS IS OF VALUE IN EVERY WAY,
AS IT HOLDS PROMISE FOR THE PRESENT
LIFE AND ALSO FOR THE LIFE TO COME**

1 Timothy 4:8

1 Timothy 4:8: for while bodily training is of some value, **godliness is of value in every way**, as it holds **promise** for the **present life** and also for the **life to come**.

HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING ITS POWER

2 Timothy 3:5

2 Timothy 3:5: having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Some can give the impression of godliness, by living as if they are spiritually minded; but they deny it's power.

HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING ITS POWER

2 Timothy 3:5

Some practice a form of godliness in order to gain wealth, power, status, etc.

But the really power of Godliness is that it frees us from the lusts of the world; turns our thoughts to God and righteousness.



What does Godliness mean to me?



Godliness in my daily life...



Being godly requires knowledge of the truth.

Understanding God, Jesus, Holy Spirit; God's will for me; righteousness.

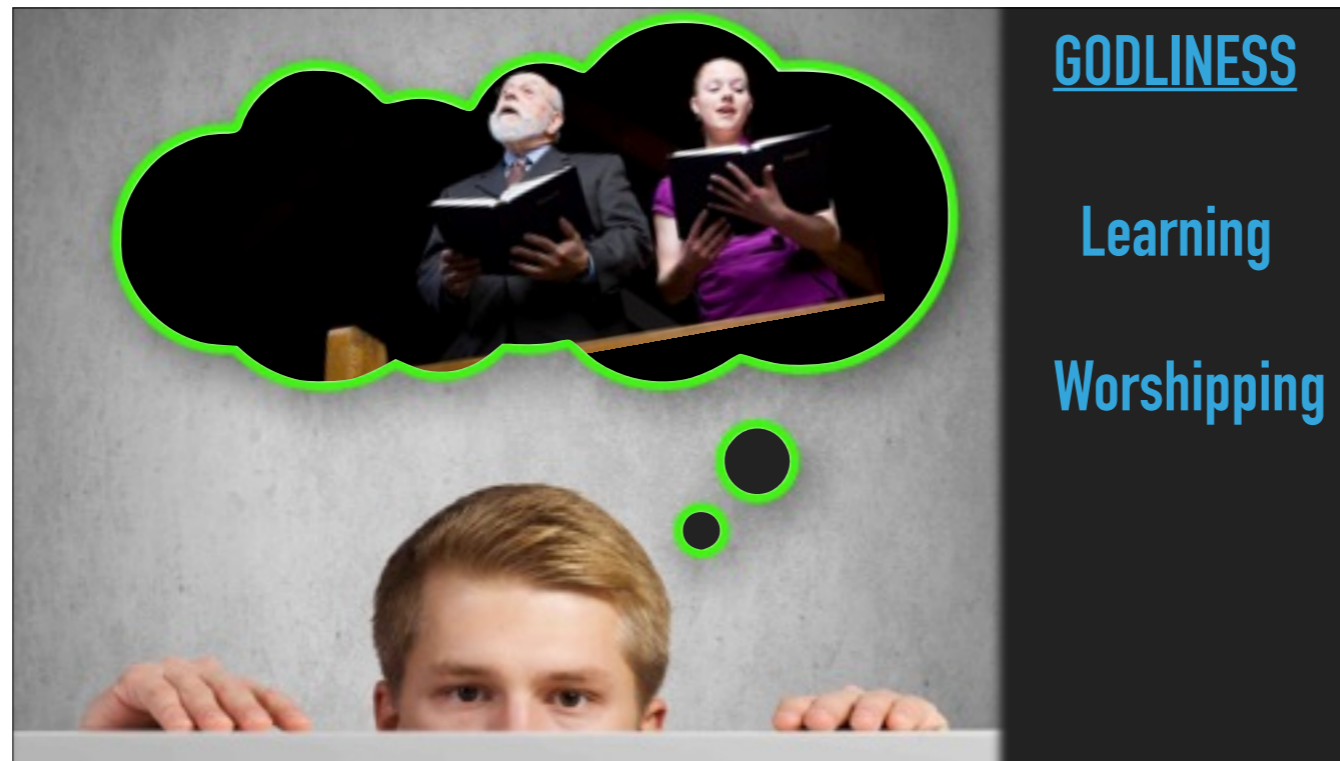


Bible reading

Bible study

Meditation

Group studies: challenge preconceived ideas, new thoughts; wisdom from experience; comfort, encouragement from others.



Godliness means worshipping God.

Daily, personally: prayer, singing, praise

Group: singing together, learn new songs; praying together; comfort, encouragement, strength



Training in godliness: exercise... daily doing what is right: God and Man.

It is WORK! Work we must, sometimes, force ourselves to do until it becomes habitual.



Find ways to serve brothers and sisters in Christ.

Neighbors (light shine)

Enemies: always do what is right



Godliness also looks beyond this life to the next.

Judgment for the ungodly: scary.

Judgment for the godly: anticipation, going home with Father.

PURSUE GODLINESS!

Pursue godliness!

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



123rf.com: 9673438

Photo Credits:

All photos from istockphoto.com, crestock.com, bigstock.com, dreamtime.com, thinkstock.com, and shutterstock.com are copyright protected. They are used by permission. Please do not reuse without permission.)

Stairway: <https://pixabay.com/en/rise-stairs-staircase-1029071/>

Boy with thought Bubble: 123rf.com: 31115081

Enlightened Bible reading: 123rf.com: 18600525

Singing: iStock_000006540199

Hospital visit: iStock_000005017021

Father and Son: iStock_000008374197

The Power of Godliness

2 Peter 1:6

Synopsis: Godliness is often one of the hard to define terms for most saints. Ungodliness is described very clearly in the Scripture as being a failure to respect God, lawlessness, and sensuality. Godliness is respects God and results in respectful living. What does godliness mean about how I should live my life?

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

“Let all that you do be done with love.”