

# Godliness

## A. Introduction

1. Our series is **Faith+**. We are to add to our faith after being saved.
  - a. 2 Peter 1:4-8
  - b. The Bible promises that if these qualities abound in us, we will \_\_\_\_\_ be unfruitful.

## B. What Is Godliness?

### 1. Definition

- a. Piety; belief in God, and reverence for his character and laws / A religious life; a careful observance of the laws of God and performance of religious duties, proceeding from love and reverence for the divine character and commands; \_\_\_\_\_
- b. This definition defines Jesus Christ's whole ministry
- c. 1 Timothy 3:16
  - Jesus Christ is godliness personified.

### 2. Recognizing Godliness

- a. **Godliness** is found \_\_\_\_ times and **Godly** is found \_\_\_\_ times in the King James Bible.
- b. 1 Timothy 4:6-9
  - Godliness is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_ things and has promise of this life and the \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- c. 1 Timothy 6:1-6
  - Our doctrine should follow godliness, which means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - False teachers believe that "gain is godliness".
  - Truly following Christ and loving Him is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Verse 11 tells us to \_\_\_\_\_ godliness.
- d. 2 Timothy 3: 10-12
  - Paul's audience (Timothy) knew the kind of life that Paul was living.
  - **KEY**--- live godly \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus
  - Trying to act right or do good apart from \_\_\_\_\_ won't offend people.
- e. True Godliness
  - Psalm 119:1-3, 9-16, 33-40, 69-70, and much more!

### 3. Avoiding Ungodliness

- a. **Ungodliness** is found \_\_\_\_ times and **Ungodly** is found \_\_\_\_\_ times in the King James Bible. (4 of those "ungodly" words are in the same verse!)
- b. Romans 1:16-20
  - Since ungodliness is the opposite of godliness, people are judged and will experience God's wrath for \_\_\_\_\_ God and His law.
- c. Romans 5:6-9
  - We were all ungodly (sinners) before Christ saved us.
- d. Psalm 1:1-6
  - We are blessed if we do not \_\_\_\_\_ with the ungodly.
  - We are still called to bring forth fruit and get people saved!
- e. True Ungodliness
  - Jude 1:3-4
  - These are purely false teachers leading others into \_\_\_\_\_!
  - Jude 1:14-18
  - God will one day judge the world for all the ungodliness (hatred toward God).

## C. How To Get Godliness

- 3 Easy Steps----- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_!

1. Ready Your \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Romans 5:6-9
    - Our hearts are not ready before salvation. They are ungodly.
  - b. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
    - We must be washed clean from a whole list of ungodliness.
  - c. 1 Corinthians 2:14
    - We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God, His law, or His character before salvation or when we “live in the flesh.”
  - d. Ezra 7:6-10
    - Ezra prepared his heart before \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the law.
2. Set Your \_\_\_\_\_ Upon Jesus
  - a. Luke 9:62
    - You can't do anything for God's kingdom if you aren't \_\_\_\_\_ on Him!
  - b. Philippians 4:8-9
    - You won't be a doer or have peace from God if your thoughts aren't right.
    - All of these qualities describe \_\_\_\_\_!
  - c. 2 Timothy 2:15
    - If you are trying to be a workman for God, you won't be ashamed if you \_\_\_\_\_ what you are doing.
  - d. Psalm 77:11-13
    - Remember and keep reminding yourself about God!
3. Go And \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. John 14:15-21
    - We must first \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus before we can obey Him.
  - b. 1 John 5:1-3
    - True children of God love and obey Him!
  - c. Genesis 22:11-18
    - This is the first mention of the word \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Abraham received a great blessing for putting God above all else!

#### **D. Where Godliness Comes In**

- Why is godliness a later step in 2 Peter 1:4-8?

##### 0. Faith

a. All is meaningless without God and salvation.

##### 1. Virtue

a. Moral Goodness

b. This is a step in the right direction of being a \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 2. Knowledge

a. Clear perception of that which exists or of truth

b. We must build on the foundation of Jesus Christ with more and more \_\_\_\_\_ in order to be stable.

##### 3. Temperance

a. Moderation

b. We must have self-control to prevent going overboard and turning a good thing into a bad thing.

##### 4. Patience

a. Waiting and perseverance

b. You will not be effective if you \_\_\_\_\_ too fast.

##### 5. Godliness

a. \_\_\_\_\_ to God

b. Now we can \_\_\_\_\_ do the work.

\* It is important to obey God in order to even be called a disciple of Christ. Let's see how brotherly kindness and charity complete the \_\_\_\_\_.