Be Godly

Shawn Jeffries · 2 Peter 1:3–7

INTRODUCTION

- The definition of the word godliness doesn't mean God likeness or to be like God. Instead, the word means to live a life of reverence for God.
- For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation not just to some men, but to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, godly in the present age.

1 Godliness Impacts Our Thinking

Genesis 39:8–9; 2 Samuel 11

- Godliness should impact every part of our lives every single day. It should impact our thinking, how we think as Christians.
- How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?
- He committed adultery and murder, and at the core of all that evil was a failure to be godly.
- It forces us to ask ourselves the right questions when we find ourselves in tempting situations.

2 Godliness Impacts Our Worship

2 Peter 1:7; Malachi 1:6–10

- This word godliness actually comes from two words. It comes from the words well and worship. Worship well. Worship in a way that pleases God and honors God.
- People who possess godliness understand that worship is a time to honor God. It is a time to worship God in the way that He desires.
- If I am a father, where is my honor? And if I'm a master, where's my respect? says the Lord of hosts.
- Worship him according to his will and with our whole hearts, not give him junk.

3 Godliness Impacts Our Attitude

Job 1:20–22

- Godliness will help me give glory to God and be dependent upon God and understand that God is the source of my blessings.
- It helps me never blame God and shake my fist at heaven and continue to honor God because of what he has done for me through his son Jesus.
- Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord is taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
- Through all of this, Job did not sin, nor did he blame God.

4 We Need to Go After It, Pursue It

1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Peter 1:3–4

- The first thing we need to do in response to what the Bible is telling us about godliness is number one, we need to go after it.
- Flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.
- His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness.
- Peter says the place to pursue godliness is God. It is the word of God.

5 Practice It, Live It

1 Timothy 2:9–10

- After I pursue it and acquire it, I got to practice it. I got to live it.
- If I truly honor God and respect God and fear God with all my heart, then that should just manifest itself in the way I live my life.
- By means of good works as is proper for women, making a claim to godliness.
- People who are truly trying to live godly lives, they back up their claim to godliness with action.

6 Always Make Sure I Value It

1 Timothy 6:6–7; 1 Timothy 4:7–8; 2 Peter 3:10–11

- Godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.
- Godliness is profitable for all things since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.
- Godliness disciplines and trains your soul. It helps you develop a proper attitude towards God and it prepares you to stand before Him in judgment.
- What sort of people are you to be? Holy conduct and godliness.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Right now in your life, are you pursuing godliness? Are you living a life full of godliness? If not, then you can begin that journey today.**

MY NOTES