

Masculinity in Godliness

1Tim 6:11-14

1 Timothy 6:5-7 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of **gain**. **6** But godliness with contentment is **great gain**, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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I. What is Godliness?

Galatians 2:16 by works of the law no one will be justified.

Titus 2:11-12 For the **grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation** for all people, **12 training us to** renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and **godly lives** in the present age,

NO higher compliment can be paid to a Christian than to call him a godly person. He might be a conscientious parent, a zealous church worker, a dynamic spokesman for Christ, or a talented Christian leader; but none of these things matters if, at the same time, he is not a godly person¹.

εὐσέβεια, generally, as a particular manner of life characterized by reverence toward God and respect for the beliefs and practices related to him religion, piety, as behavior directed dutifully toward God piety, devotion, godliness²

Godliness - **εὐσέβεια**, - piety, reverence, loyalty exhibited towards parents or deities, fear of God'; in the LXX only of awesome respect accorded to God, devoutness, piety, godliness³

Godliness is a reverence for God, which saturates life.

Godliness is an attitude toward God. This attitude is composed of three essential elements: the fear of God, the love of God, the desire for God. ...The practice of godliness is an exercise or discipline that focuses upon God. From this Godward attitude arises the character and conduct that we usually think of as godliness.

¹ Jerry Bridges, *Practice of Godliness*, <https://bible.org/article/what-godliness>

² Friberg in Bibleworks 9

³ Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., & Bauer, W. (2000). *A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature* (3rd ed., p. 412). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Isaiah 11:1-4 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. **2** And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. **3** And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, **4** but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

Genesis 5:24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

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II. Why is godliness needed?

A. Because it is right

Romans 1:21-22 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Malachi 1:6 “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear?” says the Lord of hosts to you,

Psalms 130:3-4 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? **4** But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

B. Because it is good

Ecclesiastes 8:12 though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him.

Proverbs 28:14 Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

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.

1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,

C. Because it is safe

Hebrews 12:28-29 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, **29** for our God is a consuming fire.

2 Peter 3:10-12 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. **11** 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,

III. How to become godly?

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

A. Pursue godliness

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1. Grow in the knowledge of God

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,

2. Acknowledge his presence

Genesis 28:16-17 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."
17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place!

B. Train yourself in godliness

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

NAU **1 Timothy 4:7** But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

2 Timothy 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,