

Godliness Matters

2 Peter 1:5-7

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GODLY:

- Godliness is taking God seriously
- The heartbeat of the believer is the desire to respect and give reverence for the things of God.
- The church has neglected in teaching of the Godliness of God
- We should not be afraid of offending someone as is our culture is currently
- Better to offend someone with the gospel than burn in hell
- In the Old Testament God's Presence always went with His people
- Examples: A cloud by day, and pillar of fire at night, The Red Sea account, Nourishment of manna, Water from the rock.
- These people would have been the perfect examples, but they weren't!
- They played games like they were at a Fraternity party!
- 1 Corinthians 10:5
- God does take His Godliness seriously!
- Do you take God seriously?

2. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE GODLY:

- How do you know that you are taking God seriously?
- A Thirst for God (Psalm 42:1-2)
- In the pursuit of godliness, it is not enough to just wake up to the fact, but must surge ahead to Christ for the pursuit of godliness!
- We should never reach a state of content or satisfied, but should want more!

3. FOCUS ON GOD:

- Our pursuit focuses on God
- Anything that sets itself up before God is an idol.
- What are you doing to focus on God?
- Have you allowed the cares of your world to be blurred, and not see God's vision?
- What activities are you performing to keep spiritually fit?

4. WORSHIP GOD:

- Worship helps us to acknowledge God, and His attributes
- The godly person removes himself from the vented of his world, and puts God in His respectful place.
- The reverence to God will cause us to worship God correctly.
- Sometimes I think we take God lightly as a buddy
- He is the Eternal God of the universe who put a claim on you
- He placed eternity in our hearts
- We need to approach Him with reverence and respect

- 2 Corinthians 13:5: New Century Version Look closely at yourselves. Test yourselves to see if you are living your faith. You know that Jesus Christ is in you-unless you fail the test.
- So who are you worshipping?

5. FINAL THOUGHTS:

- Will you mean business with God?
- Do you speak the Christian vocabulary, but fail to live the life of God's Godliness?
- The Godliness of God takes courage, discipline, consistency, and it isn't an easy one.
- The godly person takes on the presence, and reflection of the very being of God.
- People will notice the reflection! Because Godliness Matters!