

Ep. 1425: How Do I Grow in Godliness as a Christian?
(Christian Character Series – Part VII)

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God has granted everything needed for life and godliness through His promises. These promises form the foundation of Christian character. Our response is allegiance—loyal commitment to God’s will. 2 Peter 1:5-7 is used throughout the questions.

Overarching Question: Why does the Apostle Peter place godliness after perseverance, self-control, knowledge, moral excellence and faith in the “ladder” of Christian character development?

1. What does 2 Peter 1:3 tell us about how God’s divine power equips us? What practical steps can we take to ensure we are living our lives in pursuit of godliness? What does 1 Timothy 4:6-8 tell us is needed to develop this godliness?
2. How can we discern between genuine godliness and the “appearance” of godliness?
3. What is the relationship between sound doctrine and godliness? (2 Timothy 3:1-5, 2 Corinthians 11:14, 1 Timothy 6:3-5)
4. In what way could godliness be misused to pursue earthly gain? What is the “great gain” the Christian receives in godly living? (1 Timothy 6:4-10, Proverbs 25:28)
5. Why does “the worry of the world and deceitfulness of wealth” pose a danger to our spiritual growth and godliness? (Matthew 13:22, 1 Timothy 6:11)
6. Do you think others look at you as a man/woman of God? Do you think you are? What do you need to undo? Or redo?
7. In what way is being “rooted and grounded in love” connected to the development of godliness? (Ephesians 3:16-19)
8. What practical actions can you take to “renew your mind” to avoid being conformed to the world? What is needed to achieve godliness “from the inside out”? (Romans 12:2-3)
9. What does Peter’s question in 2 Peter 3:11 (“...what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness...?”) demand of us in light of the coming transformation of the world? How can you maintain humility and focus on God during times of upheaval?
10. We must grow godliness from the inside out to be authentic. Does Matthew 5:16 disagree with that? Why is it that our good works can bring either respect or condemnation? Should either reaction be a concern or an affirmation?
11. How can you be more authentic in godliness?