

#6 “GODLINESS”

2 Peter 1:1-11

2 Peter 1:5-6 (NIV) For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness.

1 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV) Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

To be godly means to “worship well.”

How can we train ourselves to be godly, to worship well?

1. **Exercise our mind**—believe God for who He really is.

- **Godly behavior begins with godly beliefs.**

2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT) They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

- **We must believe God based on His Word.**

James 2:19 (NIV) You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Titus 1:1 (NIV) Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God’s elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness.

2. **Exercise our will**—surrender to God.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

- **Actively resist ungodliness.**

Titus 2:12 (NIV) [God’s grace] teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

- **Diligently persist in godliness.**

1 Timothy 6:11 (NIV) But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

3. **Exercise our body**—serve God and others.

Godly people serve with:

- **Humility.**

Philippians 2:3-4

- **Generosity.**

1 Timothy 6:18

- **Integrity.**

Psalms 78:72