

GROWING
IN
Grace

BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

— 2 PETER 3:18

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LESSON 9 – GODLINESS

“[add] to perseverance godliness”

(2 Peter 1:6)

GODLINESS (EUSEBEIA) DEFINED

- “Piety” (STRONG)
- “(1) Reverence, respect (2) Piety towards God, godliness” (THAYER)
- “awesome respect accorded to God, devoutness, piety, godliness” (BDAG)
- “from eu, ‘well,’ and sebomai, ‘to be devout,’ denotes that piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him.” (VINE)

GODLINESS IN THREE PARTS

1. Godliness is rooted in the revelation of divine truth:

- The Athenians were religious, but not godly –
Acts 17:22-23
- “*Godliness*” is the effect of the will of God –

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2. Godliness is the inward effect divine revelation has on an honest and tender heart:
 - Paul's inspired letter produced "*godly sorrow*" in the Corinthians – 2 Corinthians 7:8-10

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2. Godliness is the inward effect divine revelation has on an honest and tender heart:
3. Godliness is the outward manifestation of the inward effects of divine revelation:
 - Opposite – 2 Timothy 3:5

GODLINESS DISPLAYED

- Morality:
 - The Corinthians sought holiness in the “*fear of God*” – 2 Corinthians 7:1
 - Grace teaches us to live a moral life in godliness – Titus 2:11-12
- Attire:
 - Modest dress is proper for one “*professing godliness*” – 2 Timothy 2:9-10

EXERCISING TOWARD GODLINESS

Paul told Timothy to “*exercise yourself toward godliness*” (1 Timothy 4:7). The context contains several of the spiritual “exercises” Timothy would engage in to grow in godliness.

- Diligent study – 1 Timothy 4:12-16
- Meditation – 1 Timothy 4:15; James 1:22-25
- Abstinance and pursuit – 1 Timothy 4:12
- Focus on the goal – 1 Timothy 4:16;
Philippians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 4:8-11