

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)

GODLINESS IN THREE PARTS

- Godliness is rooted in the revelation of divine truth.
- Godliness is the inward effect divine revelation has on an honest and tender heart
- Godliness is the outward manifestation of the inward effects of divine revelation

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 3:18-19; 1 Timothy 4:8-11