

Growing in Godliness



2 Peter 1:3-11 (ESV)

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and **godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with **godliness**, ⁷ and **godliness** with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

SOME STEPS TO GROW IN GODLINESS

1. You have all you need (see 2 Peter 1:3)
2. You must battle

Hebrews 12:11 *For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

Joshua 24:15 *And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

START RIGHT NOW WITH YOUR MIND AND AFFECTIONS

Colossians 3:1 *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

3. You must train

1 Timothy 4:7–8 *Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*