

The Second Epistle of Peter
Peter's Recipe for Spiritual Maturity (5)

2 Peter 1:5-7
Part 8

I. Giving All Diligence Add to Your Self-Control **Godliness.**

A. *Godliness examined.* Cf.Pr.8:13; 9:10; Ecc.12:13; 1 Tim.4:7,8

"It denotes that piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him." Vines Dictionary

B. *Godliness illustrated.*

Negatively Cf. 1 Kings 14:9; Psa.10:3,4; 14:1-3; 36:1; Rom.3:18; Titus 1:16

"For the wicked boasts of *his heart's desire*; he blesses the greedy and renounces the Lord, the wicked in his *proud countenance does not seek God*; *God is in none of his thoughts.*" Psa.10:3,4

"An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked; There is no fear of God before his eyes." Psa.36:1 (Rom.3:18)

"Ungodliness may be defined as living one's everyday life with little or no thought of God, or of God's will, or of God's glory, or of one's dependence on God. You can readily see then that someone can lead a rather respectable life and still be ungodly in the sense that God is essentially irrelevant in his or her life. We rub shoulders with such people every day in the course of our ordinary activities. They may be friendly and courteous and helpful to other people, but God is not at all in their thoughts. They may even attend church for an hour or so each week but then live the remainder of the week as if God doesn't exist. They are not wicked people, but they are ungodly." Jerry Bridges, [The Pursuit of Godliness](#)

Positively Cf. Gen.39:9; Job 1:8; Isa.11:2,3; Lu.2:49,52; Jn.8:29

"Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man – *who fears God and shuns evil.*" Job.1:8

"By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as *seeing Him who is invisible.*" Heb.9:27

"How then can I do this great wickedness and *sin against God.*" Gen.39:9

C. *Godliness pursued.* Cf. Psa.1:1; 119:11, 38; 1 Tim.4:7; 6:11

II. Christmas Grace and Godliness.

Cf. Jer.32:40; Lu.1:73-75; Rom.1:18ff; 3:18; 4:5; 5:6; Titus 2:11-13

"And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; *but I will put My fear in their hearts* so that they will not depart from Me." Jer.32:40