**7 Additions to Faith**

**Add Godliness**

**2 Peter 1:1-10**

**Introduction**

Many Christians think that godliness is something they could never attain. In fact, most believers would be very hesitant to say that they were a very godly person.

However, those same believers would be greatly offended if you were to suggest to them they were an un-godly person. You’re either one or the other.

When Paul wanted to describe the essence of the Christian life in one brief paragraph, he focuses on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Titus 2:11-13)

The Bible says that godliness with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is great gain.

Godliness is not an option it’s a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It’s not a spiritual luxury it’s a spiritual essential.

Godliness is devotion in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Enoch walked with God and He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God! It appears that God was at the center of Enoch’s life.

Godliness leads to compelling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It’s a passion to know God better and a devotion that moves us to do something we know pleases God.

Godliness requires us to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and predictable in our character and conduct.

Godly people don’t make demands or require God to do things for them; they count it a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to include Christ and feel honored that God is involved in their life.

Godly character is fruit of Godly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The fruit of godliness is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and love and reverence and honor. Godliness recognizes and respects the majesty and holiness and glory of the Almighty God.

The Greek term for godliness means to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or piety. Micah 6:8 describes it this way, “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

1. **Recognition of God**

The farther mankind drifts from God, the harder it becomes for us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him. Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. But by the time God come down again to walk and talk with man in the person of Jesus Christ, mankind crucifies him. 2000 years later mankind is now incredibly ignorant of the presence of God.

Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God makes the likeness of God in mankind almost unrecognizable.

Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have so separated us from God’s presence that it really takes an epiphany, a divine revelation of God to bridge the gap of our alienation from Him.

The Apostle John writes, “In Him was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” John 1:4-5

God is the very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our life.

The first element to becoming a godly person is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that God is the Creator, the Originator, the Sustainer, the Enlightener of life itself. Psalm 100:3 says, “Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.”

 Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the way the truth and the life! No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

1. **Receptiveness to God**

It’s one thing to recognize God but quite another to be aware of His presence and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

To say that God is everywhere is very different from sensing that He is right here with us. Yet that is what the Bible teaches, Immanuel, God with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

For all his achievements, Jacob was still empty and unfulfilled until he finally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s call.

Jacob’s name was changed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and from that time on Jacob became receptive to God’s plan and guidance.

Wherever you are, whatever you face, godliness is responding the way \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would. Godliness is receptiveness to God’s word and God’s ways.

1. **Devotion to God**

Godliness is also a responsive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that desires to honor God. It is not enough just to recognize God’s presence or to be aware that he is here with us; godliness is a devotion to making God known in this world.

The most important element of godliness; a devotion to the Lord and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do what he asks of you.

**Conclusion**

Godliness is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ virtue. It is a thirst that can only be quenched with God himself.

Godliness is a powerful and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ force that pushes us forward through the details of daily routine.

But godliness also gives us a sense of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and anticipation of enjoying the fellowship of God. Godliness is that deep yearning and desire to experience God and be more like God.

But God has made it known through Christ that He wants to fellowship with us. God always has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you!

Godliness is acknowledging God’s love for you in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross and saying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his invitation to be like Him.

Godliness is an unwavering devotion to God. It is demonstrated by consistent attitude and action. Therefore, add to your faith, godliness and continue to grow in Christ.