

# Add To Your Faith

## “Godliness”

Reading—[2 Peter 1:3-11](#)

### A. The Seven Virtues

1. It is amazing and wondrous that God, through Peter, would tell us to be opposite of what we are.
2. It is one thing to tell us, but God believes and expects we can do it.

### B. A little girl drawing God

1. “But, no one knows what God looks like!”
2. “They will in a minute!”

### C. Let’s be like God!

## #1 What Godliness is NOT

### A. Godliness is not a means to financial gain.

1. [1 Timothy 6:5](#)—...think that godliness is a means to financial gain.
2. Sales motivation:
  - a. “treat others the way you want to be treated.
  - b. Making money takes work—“you reap what you sow.”
  - c. “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he!”
3. These principles all work in sales!
4. How much greater for the purpose they were intended? Christianity!

### B. Godliness is not just a ritual

1. [2 Timothy 3:5](#)--having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
2. Imagine a rusty, corroded car being painted without fixing it.
3. That’s what happens when we try to paste Christianity over our corroded lives. Don’t allow anything to be fixed; just cover it.
4. [Matthew 23:27](#)—like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones...

### C. Godliness is not our nature.

1. [1 Corinthians 6:11](#)—And *such were some of you*. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
2. It goes against our nature.
3. But because we have been washed clean and forgiven, we can look like God, so when we do good, others will see it and glorify GOD!

## #2 What Godliness is:

### A. God-LIKE-ness

1. [1 John 3:2-3](#)—Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, *just as He is pure*.
2. Not only to be like God, also *desire* to be like him
3. [John 8:29](#)—I do always those things which please HIM.
4. [Song #429](#)—Oh, to be like thee  
Oh, to be like thee, blessed redeemer,  
this is my constant longing and prayer.  
Gladly I’ll forfeit all of earth’s treasures,  
Jesus thy perfect likeness to wear.

### B. Godliness with contentment is great gain

1. [1 Timothy 4:8](#)—For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (NIV)
2. Your reputation, self-respect, parenting, quality of work, as a student.
3. [Ecclesiastes 9:10](#) Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might

### C. Godliness is to be pursued

1. [1 Timothy 6:11](#)—pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
2. [Hebrews 11:6](#)—he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of *those who diligently seek Him*.

## Invitation.

### A. Are you seeking GOD?

### B. Do you want to be like him?

1. That can only be done in Jesus Christ.
2. [Galatians 3:26-27](#)—For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.