

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:9 and 2 Peter 1:1-11
Topic: Spiritual Growth in the Church
Study: The Church is a field: Guide to Maturity
First Corinthians
Week 6 of 8
Series 7

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The Eight Spiritual *Values* of Highly Effective Christians “Godliness”

1) **Influence**

2) **Influence**

3) **Influence**

Text for today: 2 Peter 1:1-11

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory (Manifestation of the divine character of Christ) and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Fruitful Growth in the Faith 5 *But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance **godliness**, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.* 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s message. Take time this week to study and write out your response to each of these questions. This will help drive home the point of today’s message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.

- 1) Write and commit to memory Proverbs 3:5-6

- 2) Godliness means to develop “God-like” qualities or to have a God-consciousness. The opposite of God-consciousness is ungodliness. Identify areas in your life where you still need to cultivate a God-consciousness. (God-consciousness gets God involved.)

God-consciousness brings God into every decision you make, into your lifestyle, your family, and marriage, relationships, finances and business, etc.

- 3) A God consciousness will influence your perspective. Read Ephesians 2:4-7. What does this tell you about your position of authority as a believer?

- 4) A God consciousness will influence your priorities. Read Luke 12:34 The Bible often speaks about the importance of heart condition (Mark 4). Prioritizing is deciding what needs to be done next. What is important in life? Are you willing to do God’s will, whatever it is? Is this your heart condition? Write out a prayer that would reveal your desire for God to work on your heart condition.

- 5) You have heard it said, “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” In other words, except for worshipping God, the next important thing in life is to be clean. This speaks of our physical body, but what about our minds. Read Isaiah 55:7. Can you see the connection between “unrighteousness” and thoughts? **7 day challenge:** take the next seven days to “fast” any and all negative and ungodly thoughts. Write down some results.

- 6) Your focus is important – remember whatever gets your attention first, gets you. Each day this week take time to confess the “Just for today” principle. Expect God to supply or add His divine nature to your spiritual account (2 Pet.1:11). Make notes of revelation received. *Example: Just for today I will, “look to God for strength to keep my heart pure.”*

(Monday through Sunday): **Just for today I will**.....
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