



Sunday | September 2013

PURSUIING GODLINESS

2.THE NEED TO PURSUE

SCRIPTURES

- 2Peter 1:1-3
- 1Timothy 4:7-10
- 1Timothy 6:10-12

2PETER 1:1-3

Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has **granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness**, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

1 TIMOTHY 4:6-10

On the other hand, **discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness**; ⁸ for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. ¹⁰ For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10-12

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God, and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.** ¹² Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

FROM LAST WEEK

- Doing well...
- Godliness
- What's the purpose of your life?

GODLINESS

- Pious, devout
- “Devotion in action” (Jerry Bridges)
 - An attitude that results in action
 - Fear of God
 - Love of God
 - Desire for God

GODLINESS

- 2 Peter
 - The provisions of the gospel: life, godliness
 - GRANTED already
 - godliness is by grace
- 1 Timothy
 - godliness requires discipline
 - godliness must be pursued

GODLINESS

- By grace but must be pursued???
- SO GREAT a salvation that is barely enjoyed?
- Why pursue??
 - Things of God require grace AND faith
 - God is getting at the heart...
- What do you pursue?

