



Sunday 15 September 2013

PURSUING GODLINESS
3. PRACTICALLY PURSUING



SCRIPTURES

- 1 Timothy 4:7-10
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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.

THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE?

- What's the purpose of your life?
 - Message of the Gospel includes
 - revelation of His love for you that is beyond measure
 - revelation that your life is about much more than circumstances
 - Assumes you are a saint...

GODLINESS

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

GODLINESS

- I Timothy
 - godliness requires **discipline**
 - godliness must be **pursued**
- By grace but must be pursued???
- Things of God require grace AND faith
- God is getting at the heart...
- Essential: desire for God and His will

PURSUING GODLINESS

- Walking with God requires developing spiritual disciplines
 - learning to walk with regards to things **we can't see** in the face of things **we can see**
 - learning to **humble ourselves**

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

- In all things, give thanks!
- Watch over your mouth
- Watch over your heart
- Be filled with His Word
- ...

