

Growing in Godliness

Godliness: The fruit of abiding in Christ made manifest in our daily lives.

“to perseverance **godliness**” (2 Peter 1:6).

“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come” (1 Timothy 4:8).

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22, 23).

“Godliness is the fruit of Christian character. If we abide in the Vine, we shall bear the fruits of the Spirit. The life of the Vine will manifest itself through the branches. We must have a close and intimate connection with heaven, if we bear the grace of godliness” (*Peter’s Counsel to Parents*, p. 19).

“Now godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6).

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints” (1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13).

“True sanctification comes through the working out of the principle of love. ‘God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.’ 1 John 4:16. The life of him in whose heart Christ abides, will reveal practical godliness. The character will be purified, elevated, ennobled, and glorified. Pure doctrine will blend with works of righteousness; heavenly precepts will mingle with holy practices” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 560).

Intercession Focus: Church Leadership

Our church leadership needs our prayer support so much! Pray for leaders at all levels to:

- Know Jesus personally through Bible study and prayer and to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Have a deeply spiritual and evangelistic focus to their ministry
- Recognize their responsibility to God and their fellow church members
- Lead with humility, grace, and a complete reliance on God’s guidance in the Bible and SOP
- Be prepared to take on greater leadership roles as God leads
- Be guided by God’s Spirit in all their leadership meetings and decisions

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While I work on the plan of **addition** . . . God is working on the plan of **multiplication!**

Dear Lord, during the next 24 hours, I feel You calling me to add this grace to my life: _____

In Your strength and by Your power, I choose to: _____

These are the ways I saw God multiply His grace to me today:
