



# An Example of Godliness

1 Timothy 1:4

Be an example of someone who pursues godliness for the effective work of the gospel.

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its easy to be distracted and we are easily distractible  
our enemy packages nice-sounding teaching with signs and wonders that distract us  
from godliness and the gospel

Jannes and Jambres with Moses

Acts 8- Simon

we can be distracted with the effects of salvation or powerful signs rather than the  
beauty of Jesus, his gospel and his transformation of our sinful hearts

what do we watch out for to avoid distraction from bad teachers and bad doctrine?

disproportionate emphasis on freedom or rules

inappropriate emphasis on the messenger instead of the message

a de-emphasis of grace, liberty, life, character change, celebrate lifestyle worship

Paul calls this teaching demonic, hypocrisy, godless myths and old wives tales

its demonic because it focuses the Christian life on something other than;

the work and person of Jesus

a faith reins to the gospel

the total transformation of life and character because of the gospel

how can we avoid falling for these old heresies repackaged for today?

defensively- watch for and guard against any introduction of false teaching (formal or  
informal)

offensively- train yourself to be godly

the three-fold work of the Spirit, the Church, and the individual Christian

what is godliness?

its the same thing as Christlikeness

similar to what we want from our children; people who internalize and emulate the best parts of us  
we went to emulate God, to take on the very attributes of God

- 1- dethrone/decentralize me; when people look at me, they see Christ
- 2- hard work
- 3- discipline = close attention, driven, a desire for something different and better
- 4- theological growth; sound theology
- 5- a healthy celebration of life in Jesus
- 6- holistically healthy

7- pursue godliness like its a prize  
give up sins that seem/feel good for godliness because its better  
godliness brings soul-fulfillment in every way  
its better to become like your creator/Father/Savior

- 8- lead others into godliness
- 9- set an example of godliness for others to follow
- 10- for the salvation of people

carefully watch yourself  
get input from others  
compare your heart to the Word  
pursue higher things/being  
go on big missions with/for God

have your heart revealed so you know where you need to grow  
our flesh and the world are always pulling us toward compromise, comfort, laziness  
be vigilant about your own heart  
Paul wants us to progress in our salvation so we receive the fullness of the effects of salvation  
as we do, others will see and want salvation, too

Be a consistent example of someone who pursues godliness for the effective work of the gospel