

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

—2 Peter 3:18 ESV

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⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

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¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

—2 Peter 1:8-10 ESV

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VIRTUE
Building Character

KNOWLEDGE
Knowing and Experiencing God

SELF-CONTROL
Living Positively

STEADFASTNESS
Staying True

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“There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship of what earlier Christians called holiness... there should be long obedience in the same direction; and thereby results, something which has made life worth living.” —Eugene Peterson

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A “godly person” lives a God-focused and God-filled life in a self-focused and gratification-seeking world.

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Godliness is "Going Upstream"

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Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. —Matthew 7:13 ESV

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Godliness 101

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Godliness is a Life Perspective
Shaped By My View of God

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Isaiah 6:1-8

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2 Godliness is a Pursuit Challenged by Early Believers

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⁷Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

—1 Timothy 4:7-8 ESV

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“The word, godliness (*eusebeia*), occurs fifteen times in the New Testament, but nine of them are in this epistle. If someone had asked Timothy what Paul’s letter was about, he might well have said, ‘Well, I suppose it was mostly about the life in God’s household, but the thing that impressed me was my personal need for godliness...’”

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“Above all else, God wants His people and His ministers to be godly. This is why Paul did not give Timothy seven steps to boost church attendance, or helpful tips about becoming a better administrator, or a thorough critique of his preaching style. Instead, he gave him the most practical instruction of all: a good minister is a godly minister.” —Philip Ryken

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Spiritual Disciplines
“The Pursuit of Godliness”

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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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Godliness is a Practice Reflected in Our Daily Activities

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“Now the word, imitation, does not mean *counterfeit*. It means *adopting the ways of another*.

This is done consciously through careful observation and unconsciously through loving association. For the Christian, the result is a growing likeness to Christ.” —Clyde Cranford

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³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. —2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV

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Go to the Gospels

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¹...be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 5:1-2 ESV

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Obey God's Word

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⁹How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. ¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! ¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

—Psalm 119:9-11 ESV

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“The way to understand the parts of the Bible you don’t understand is to obey the parts of the Bible you do understand.” —Adrian Rogers

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²²Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

—Colossians 3:22-24 ESV

D Demonstrate Faith in the Details of Your Life

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He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

—Ephesians 4:28 NIV

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Love Your Family and Care For Your Friends

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1 Peter 3

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¹⁵Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.

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¹⁶“For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.” —Malachi 2:15-16 ESV

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Yearn For the Day When Faith Becomes Sight

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¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!
—2 Peter 3:11-12 ESV

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Godliness is a Power that
Validates My Witness

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...having a form of godliness but
denying its power. —2 Timothy 3:5 NIV

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There is a wonderful story
Written in a time long gone.
It is the gospel according to
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The gospels were given to show us
The power of God's love divine.
May that story be told again
In the life of your life and mine.

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People read and admire the gospel,
With its love so inspiring and true,
But what do they say and think of
The gospel according to you?

We are writing a gospel,
A chapter every day,
By deeds that we do,
By words that we say.

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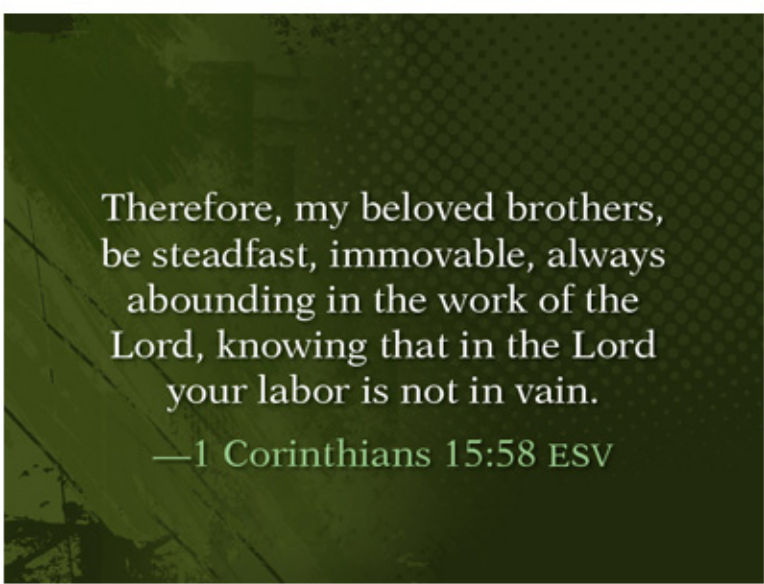
We are writing each day a gospel.
Take care that the writing is true,
For the only gospel some will read
Is the gospel according to you.

—Author Unknown

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Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to
salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly
sorrow brings death. —2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV

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Therefore, my beloved brothers,
be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain.

—1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV

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