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2Pet 3:11

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Godliness is an \_\_\_\_\_ virtue.  
John 14:9; 2Pet 1:8

## TALK IT OVER

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### Big Picture

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with?

### Dig In

In your own words, what is the difference between living a moral life and being moralistic? In your opinion how has moralism affected Christianity negatively?

Read Romans 7:7-25. What does Paul say in these verses that applies to living godly versus being moralist?

### Teacher's Pick

In your opinion what does it look like for the gospel to be void of godliness? And, godliness without the gospel? Do you think it's right for Christians to impose Christian beliefs on society? Why? What is your opinion of the state imposing secular values upon the church? Why? What are the boundaries of each?

### Putting It Into Practice

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