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GODLINESS: DANIEL

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. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 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. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3–11

RECAP

- Week 1: Who are you becoming?
- Rest of series: Virtues listed in 2 Peter 1:5–7
- Last 5 Weeks: Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Self-control, & Steadfastness

We become who God wants us to become when we honor God by the way we live.

WHAT IS GODLINESS?

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,

2 Peter 1:5–6

What is godliness?

- Piety, reverence, the Christian life

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,

2 Peter 1:3a

The appropriate respect and reverence toward [God] and those associated with him.

Peter H. Davids, *2 Peter, Jude*, 181

Living a life that is like God.

Thomas Schreiner, *1, 2 Peter, Jude*, 300

THE EXAMPLE OF DANIEL'S GODLINESS

Daniel 6

Daniel's Story

¹It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom ¹²⁰satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ²and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:1–3

⁴Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

Daniel 6:4–5

⁶Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

Daniel 6:6–9

¹⁰When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

Daniel 6:10

²¹Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found

blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”

Daniel 6:21–22

²⁸So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 6:28

What can we learn from Daniel’s godliness?

- Godliness is developed over a lifetime, not a moment.
- Godliness is obedience.

Daniel does not grandstand for the faith, but neither does he try to hide his love of the Lord. He did not go to the public square or the court to flaunt his rejection of Darius’ decree; rather, he went as usual to his ‘upstairs room’ (v. 10).

Tremper Longman III, Daniel, 167–168

- Godliness is often resisted.
 - The right way is not always the popular way.
- Godliness is honored by God.
 - We live for an audience of One.

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS’ GODLINESS

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:14–15

- Jesus not only modeled godliness; he enables godliness.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things

there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:16–24

- Because of Jesus, we not only know what true godliness looks like; we know where true godliness is found.

QUESTIONS FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION THIS WEEK

- Reflect on your life before being saved by Jesus. How were you not godly?
- Reflect on your life now after being saved by Jesus. How are you godly?
- Identify 1–2 areas where you need to grow in godliness. What do you need to do to grow in godliness in these areas?
- How can you better rely on the Holy Spirit to make you more godly?

Who are you becoming? Are you becoming godly?