

VIRTUE

Godliness

Sermon Points: *II Peter 1:7*

Godliness is reverence for God expressed through a life of holiness.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We Grow in Godliness by:

- Grace-driven effort*
- Grace-driven repentance*

Group Opener:

Open your Small Group time by reading 2 Peter 1:5-6
Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness.

OR

Nolan Ryan was used as an example of someone who grew in his career success by continuing to train hard and put in effort even when most would let up. How did that speak to you?

Discussion Questions:

1. We defined Godliness as reverence for God expressed through a life of holiness. Discuss this definition of godliness, what are the two important components of this word?
2. What's the difference between grace-driven effort and non-grace driven effort in our pursuit to grow in godliness? Which of these resonates more with where you are in your faith journey right now?
3. Read Titus 2:11-12. What do these verses teach us about grace-driven repentance? What are areas of sin you need to renounce so you can live a godly life?
4. NOTE: Typically it is a best practice to give people time to stop and think about a question and leaders should not be answering the questions they are asking. We would encourage you to prepare by having an answer for question 4 and if someone doesn't speak up right away that you share your answer to get things going.

Share about a time you intentionally made an effort to grow in godliness. What did that look like and how did that affect your life?