

VIRTUES

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- How would you define and describe **PATROITISM**?

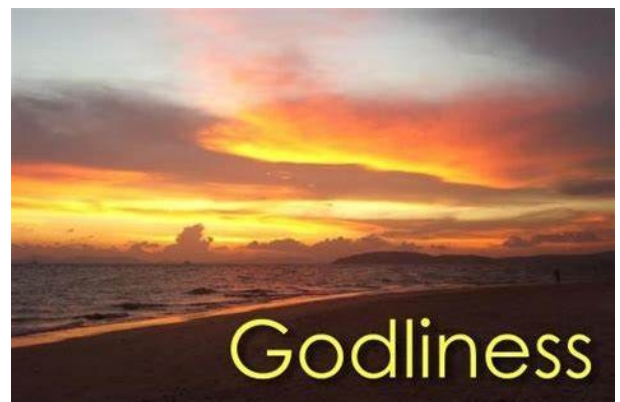
In our march through the virtues or graces of the Christian character, we now come to Godliness. In some ways, all of these virtues could be listed under godliness. In other ways, this is very difficult to put a clear meaning on.

A. Some common definitions of godliness:

The presence of mind when God is always near
One who lives above petty things, the passions and pressures that controls others
The duty one owes God
Reverence and respect toward God
Piety or religion
Seeks the will of God
Godward attitude—does that which is well-pleasing to Him
Proper worship

A. The qualities of Godliness means to be “godly,” or, like God

There are some qualities of God that we can never manifest. That would include:



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There are numerous examples where we are to be “like God”

1. Matthew 5:48 Be _____ as your heavenly Father is _____
2. 1 Peter 1:16 You shall be _____, for I am _____
3. Eph 4:32 ...forgiving each other, _____
God in Christ also has forgiven you”
4. Eph 5:2 Walk in love, _____ Christ also loved you
5. Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, _____
_____ Christ also loved the church
6. 2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the _____
from glory to glory...
7. 1 Jn 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the _____
as He walked
8. 1 Jn 3:3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, _____ He is pure
9. 2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become _____
of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
10. Acts 11:26 ...and the disciples were first called _____ in Antioch

B. Adding Godliness is developing an attitude of respect towards God

- that includes God’s word, God’s plans and God’s people

1. it becomes manifest in the way we treat God and others
- 1 Tim 5:4 must first learn to practice _____ in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God

What is the profit of godliness?
1 Tim 4:7-8 (1 Tim 6:6-7)

What is the power of godliness (2 Tim 3:5)?

What is the claim of godliness (1 Tim 2:10)?

What is godly sorrow (2 Cor 7:11)?

What is godly jealousy (2 Cor 11:2)?

How would you distinguish between “righteous” and “godly”?

Christians are known both for what they are “for” and what they are “against.” One leads to the other. However, it is our choices and our lives that truly identify what we are about.

Acts 4:12 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and *began* to recognize them as having _____ with Jesus.

How does one “add” godliness to their character? (2 Pet 3:11)