

Session 1: Growing in Godliness with Pastor Colin Smith

Message Outline

What is Godliness?
Godliness in the New Testament
What Does Godliness Look Like?

- A. What: Practical expressions of godliness (Speech, Conduct, Love, Faith, Purity)
- B. How: Pursue godliness intentionally
- C. Why: We have our hope set on the Savior
- D. When: Patience and progress

Discussion Questions

- 1. Why is godliness especially important for Christian leaders?
- 2. Jerry Bridges says that a fear of God, a love for God, and a desire for God compose godliness. Why is each part essential? Which do you most lack?
- 3. 1 Timothy 4:12 mentions five practical expressions of godliness (speech, conduct, love, faith, moral purity). Which area do you need to grow in the most, and why?
- 4. Read 1 Timothy 3:1–13, the classic text on qualifications for Christian leaders. What does it tell us about the importance of godliness? What does it tell us about the importance of skills?
- 5. What does being proactive in pursuing godliness look like practically? How can you be more proactive in your pursuit of godliness?
- 6. How would you encourage another believer who is discouraged about his or her pursuit of godliness?