

*How can we make progress in godliness?*

We cannot grow in godliness apart from faith in Christ.

We cannot grow in godliness apart from the work of the Spirit.

We cannot grow in godliness apart from the local church.

We cannot grow in godliness apart from effort.

*What patterns are helpful for making progress in godliness?*

Establish patterns that care for your soul (e.g. public and private means of grace, honest friendships).

Establish patterns that care for your body (e.g. diet, sleep, exercise, rest).

**How might we go wrong in our use of the ordinary means of grace?**

**How do the ordinary means of grace help us to make progress with our godliness in ministry?**

**Why must we not neglect the care of our bodies? How does this relate to our godliness?**

*“What if we obsess more about our walk with Jesus than we do about our work for Jesus?” (Adam Ramsey)*

*“How diligently the cavalry officer keeps his sabre clean and sharp; every stain he rubs off with the greatest care. Remember you are God's sword, His instrument – I trust, a chosen vessel unto Him to bear His name. In great measure, according to the purity and perfection of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.” (Robert Murray McCheyne)*



## **GODLINESS**

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## 1. Introduction

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*What is godliness?*

To be godly is to be devoted to God as God is.

To be godly is to be like Christ.

*Why do we need to be godly?*

We have been saved to live a godly life.

We are commanded to live a godly life.

It is evidence of our salvation.

It is essential for ministry.

**What did McCheyne mean by “your people’s greatest need is your personal holiness”?**

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## 2. Godliness and Ministry

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*“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.” (1 Timothy 4:12-14)*

Five areas gospel workers need to be godly in: Speech; Life; Love; Faith; Purity.

**What is meant by each of these areas?**

- a) Speech
- b) Life
- c) Love
- d) Faith
- e) Purity

**Why is it essential that gospel workers are godly in these areas?**

- a) Speech
- b) Life
- c) Love
- d) Faith
- e) Purity

**What can we do to keep watch over these five areas?**

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## 3. Godliness and Progress

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*“Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both your yourself and your hearers.” (1 Timothy 4:15-16)*