

“Training For Godliness”



1 Timothy 4: 8-10 NLT

⁸ “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.” ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. ¹⁰ **This is why we work hard** and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

**“Stale godliness is ungodliness.
Let our religion be as warm, and
constant, and natural as the flow
of the blood in our veins”**

Charles Spurgeon

2 Peter 1: 3-5 NLT

³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

2 Peter 1: 5-8 NLT

⁵ In view of all this, **make every effort** to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

⁸ **The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Principles of training

1. Personal Responsibility
2. Intentional Pursuit
3. Total Commitment
4. Self Discipline
5. Divine Power and Grace

“Periodical godliness is perpetual hypocrisy.” – Charles Spurgeon

What can work against godliness?

1. Familiarity

Mark 6:1-6

2. Immorality

Gal 5:19-21

3. Busyness

Luke 10:38-42

1. Our Perspective...is it eternal?

2 Cor 4: 18 NIV

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Peter 3: 10-12 NIV

(Emphasis) ¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

2. Our Attitude...are we content?

1 Tim 6: 6-8 NLT

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

3. Our Responses...are we reactive?

2 Peter 1: 6-7 NLT

6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

Do We Reflect Christ?

- Renewing our mind daily
- Practicing self control
- Training our tongue

Let Grace teach us (Titus 2: 11-12)

4. Our Worship...is it true?

Lyrics of a song (Hallelujah Forever)
Hallelujah before my miracles come
Hallelujah when my miracles arrive
Hallelujah after my miracles come

Even when my miracles don't come
When it seems like blessings are delayed
Whether you say yes whether you say no
Hallelujah will never cease from my mouth

5. Our Fellowship...are we all in?

Heb 10: 24-25 NLT

²⁴ **Let us** think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And **let us not** neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but **encourage one another**, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Training may be painful...But!

Hebrews 12: 11-12 NLT

¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a **peaceful harvest of right living** for those who are **trained** in this way.

¹² So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. ¹³ Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.

“If born of God, I have power to overcome all that is not of God, and to walk according to God”

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