

STRENGTH 5: GODLINESS

BUILT FOR IMPACT SERIES

*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; **and to perseverance, godliness**; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. – 2 Peter 1:5-8*

LIVING WITH TRUE NORTH

Imagine if your next meeting, email, or lunch appointment were being livestreamed straight to heaven. Would anything change?

That's the idea behind godliness. Not living in fear — but living with God-awareness. Godliness isn't just moral behavior. It's a posture. A mindset. A life aligned with God's presence and purpose, not just on Sunday, but on your most ordinary weekday.

Peter says that after perseverance, we're to add godliness. Why? Because grit without godliness just makes you hard. Godliness is what keeps you grounded, humble, and aligned.

It's your spiritual True North — the compass that keeps you from drifting into pride, performance, or burnout.

A LIFE THAT REFLECTS THE ONE YOU FOLLOW

The Greek word here for godliness (*eusebeia*) carries the idea of devotion to God in everything you do. It's not about pretending to be holy — it's about living from a holy relationship.

“Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things...” – 1 Timothy 4:7-8

It's the man who invites God into his Monday morning meeting. Into his calendar. Into how he speaks to his wife. Into how he disciplines his kids. Into how he makes decisions when no one's watching.

Godliness means your whole life bears the fingerprints of the One you serve.

AT WORK: EXCELLENCE WITH INTEGRITY, PRESENCE WITH PURPOSE

Godliness at work isn't about preaching — it's about presence. It looks like:

- Owning your mistakes, even when no one would've caught them.
- Speaking truthfully and graciously, even when pressured to spin it.
- Treating the custodian and the CEO with the same respect.
- Working with excellence, because your work is worship.

You don't need a cross on your wall to represent Jesus. You just need to let Him shape your conduct when it counts.

John Mark Comer says it well: *"Godliness is not about escaping the world but engaging it with a heart formed by God."*

THE COMPASS VS. THE CLOCK

Leadership consultant Stephen Covey once said: *"The clock represents your commitments, appointments, schedules, and goals. The compass represents your vision, values, principles, and conscience — your direction."*

Too many men lead with their clocks — busier and busier, but not necessarily heading anywhere that matters.

Godliness is about choosing the **compass** over the clock. Asking regularly, *"God, does this align with You?"* Not just, *"Is this productive?"*

YOU NEED MEN WHO POINT YOU BACK NORTH

Even the best compass needs calibration. That's why godliness isn't grown in isolation. We need **men who remind us of what's true** — who ask the deeper questions, not just how you're doing at work, but how you're doing in your soul.

It's easy to lose your spiritual bearings when you're the only one holding the map. But when you walk with men of godliness, you stay on course.

"Have nothing to do with godless myths... but train yourself to be godly." — 1 Timothy 4:7

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- Q. In what area of your life have you separated “faith” from “real life”?
- Q. What would it look like to invite God into your workplace rhythm?
- Q. Who are the men in your life that help keep your compass aligned?

SCRIPTURAL CROSS-REFERENCES

- Micah 6:8 – *“Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.”*
- Titus 2:11–12 – *“...teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness...”*
- Psalm 1:1–3 – A godly man is planted, steady, fruitful.

PRAYER

Father, I don't want a life that just looks good — I want a life that reflects You. Align my heart with Yours. Teach me to walk with awareness of Your presence in every moment. Form in me the kind of godliness that brings light to dark places.

TAKEAWAY SUMMARY

Godliness isn't a vibe. It's a life lived with intention — one that keeps returning to the heart of God, and aligns every action, word, and priority with His presence.

THIS WEEK'S ACTION STEP

Choose one area of your life where you've been living with a “clock” but not a “compass.” Invite God to speak into it. Share it with a brother, and ask for accountability to walk it out this week.

GODLINESS

Reflecting Christ's character in all interactions. Living and leading with integrity, humility, and God-awareness in every setting.