

For If Ye Do These Things Ye Shall Never Fall

(Part 8)

I. Introduction:

A. Proper faith, morality, working knowledge, self-control, and endurance are great building blocks to grow into godliness (**II Peter 1:5-6**).

1. We have all that we need to learn about godliness (**II Peter 1:3-4**).
2. We can look at God and pattern our lives appropriately (**Ephesians 5:1-2**).

B. We know that you are either godly or not (**I John 3:8-10**).

1. There is a clear distinction between godly and ungodly (**Psalms 1:1-6**).
2. Being ungodly is a scary thought (**I Peter 4:17-18**).

II. Body: And To Patience Godliness (**II Peter 1:6**).

A. The term translated here means: “piety; specially, the gospel scheme: — godliness, holiness. Reverence, respect; piety towards God, godliness” (Strong’s # 2150). Let’s look at a few passages that use this Greek term to understand it better.

1. **Acts 3:1-13** (the term translated “holiness” in verse 12).
2. **I Timothy 2:1-5** (verse 2).
 - a. Many people misunderstand this context.
 - b. Study this material for the truth: http://www.wordsoftruth.net/thatwemayleadaquietandpeaceablelife_bay_2017.html

3. **I Timothy 3:16**

4. **I Timothy 4:1-8** (verses 7; 8).

5. **I Timothy 6:1-11** (verses 3; 5; 6; 11).

6. **Titus 1:1-2**

B. Your words and actions either show respect or disrespect to God (**Romans 1:21-23**).

1. Just as a child can bring shame on parents (**Proverbs 19:26**), our actions can do the same to our Lord (**II Samuel 11:1-12:14**).
2. If we err, we give occasion for those outside of the Lord to speak evil of the Lord (**Romans 2:19-24**).

C. We are expected to be godly in the sense of being holy (**I Peter 1:13-16**).

1. The expectation for us to be holy, pure is not just a “figure of speech” (**Ephesians 1:3-4** and **I Thessalonians 4:7**).
2. There is no hope in being with God if you’re not holy (**Hebrews 12:14**).
3. The Lord expects holiness of us collectively too (**Ephesians 5:25-27**).

D. Vile people can fake and show forms of godliness (**II Timothy 3:1-5**).

1. Fakers are NOT always noticeable (**I Timothy 5:24-25** and **Jude 1:3-4**).
2. Don’t be fake (**Romans 2:1-6** and **I John 1:5-6**).

3. Being fake now will not benefit you in the end (**Psalms 44:21**,
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, **Jeremiah 23:24**, and **Romans 2:16**).

III. Conclusion: Seeing that all things carnal will perish, what manner of persons ought you to be in conversation and godliness (**II Peter 3:9-14**)?