



Part 7: "Authentic Godliness!"

Text: 2 Peter 1:3-8; Selected Scriptures

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV)

*"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith ... **godliness**"*

[1] The Essence Of "Authentic Godliness!"

- "Authentic Godliness" is more than an _____!

Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV)

*"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which **look beautiful** on the **outside** but on the **inside** are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. [28] In the same way, on the **outside you appear** to people as righteous but **on the inside you are** full of hypocrisy and wickedness."*

- "Authentic Godliness" is more than a _____!
(Matthew 6:1-5; 1 Timothy 6:5)

- "Authentic Godliness" is _____!

Romans 8:29 (Message)

*"God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to **shape the lives** of those who love him **along the same lines** as the **life of his Son**. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and **intended shape of our lives** there **in him** (in Christ)."*

[2] The Efforts For "Authentic Godliness!"

- We need to take _____ for our godliness!

1 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)
 "...**Train yourself** to be godly."

1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)
 "But David **strengthened himself** in the LORD his God!"

➤ We need to cultivate a _____ for God!

Luke 6:21 (NIV)
 "Blessed are you who **hunger** now, for you will be **satisfied**."

➤ We need to _____ about godliness! (Psalm 15:1-5)

✓ Genuine godliness should impact my _____!
 ("Walk straight, act right, be truthful!")

✓ Genuine godliness should affect my _____!
 ("Don't hurt your friend or blame your neighbor!")

✓ Genuine godliness should mold my _____!
 ("Despise the despicable!")

✓ Genuine godliness should drive my _____!
 ("Keep your word even when it costs you!")

✓ Genuine godliness should shape how I _____!
 ("Make an honest living, don't take bribes!")