

THE PASTORAL LETTERS

The Promise of Godliness

1 Timothy 4:6-10

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1. It is a trustworthy statement for the church that godliness is profitable in every way.

“Godliness speaks of the Christian religion. Its etymology is that of right reverence, worship or fear. ...It is both the _____ brought in Jesus Christ and it is that work which one follows after.” - George W. Knight

- a. Christ centered godliness promises great profit for the _____ life.
- b. Christ centered godliness promises great profit for all eternity.

*“Interest in Christ goes first, then likeness to Christ; and as this grows, their meetness also increases in an inheritance in His blessedness and _____.”
- Patrick Fairbairn*

2. Because of the superior value of godliness, Christ’s servants must give high priority to growing in godliness.

- a. _____ that would pull the church away from sound doctrine should be pointed out and rejected.

- b. Christ’s servants must regularly _____ themselves on sound doctrine.
- c. Christ’s servants are called to _____ themselves for the purpose of growing in godliness.
- d. Christ’s servants labor and strive for true godliness regardless of the _____ they encounter.
- e. Christ’s servants fix their hope on the One who is the very fountain of life—the _____ God.