**FOCUS Bible Study - April 12**

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**Meeting Purpose**

[Explore the concept of godliness through Bible study and discussion.](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=625.0)

**Key Takeaways**

* [Godliness is a process of reflecting God's nature, sharing faith, and encouraging belief in others](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=654.0)
* [True godliness leads to contentment and freedom from worldly attachments](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=1065.0)
* [Developing godliness requires ongoing effort, self-control, and spiritual growth](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=1096.0)

**Topics**

**The Mystery of Godliness**

* [Defined in 1 Timothy 3:16 as God manifested in flesh, justified in Spirit, seen by angels, preached to Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=1004.0)
* [Represents a progression: God living in us, manifesting outwardly, sharing with others, seeing them change](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=1910.0)
* [Requires effort to understand and apply, like solving a mystery or putting together puzzle pieces](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=1688.0)

**Contentment vs. Worldly Gain**

* [1 Timothy 6:6-11 contrasts godliness with contentment against love of money and worldly gain](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=2065.0)
* [True godliness leads to satisfaction in God meeting needs, not excessive wants](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=2168.0)
* [Pursuing worldly gain leads to disputes, arguments, and separation from godliness](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=2300.0)

**Developing Godly Traits**

* [2 Peter 1:3-7 outlines a progression of godly qualities: faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=3557.0)
* [These traits build upon each other but aren't necessarily sequential](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=3753.0)
* [God provides everything needed for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3)](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=3830.0)

**Self-Control and Spiritual Growth**

* [Developing self-control is part of the godliness process](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=4045.0)
* [Analogized to playing "spiritual whack-a-mole" with negative thoughts](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=4170.0)
* [Requires practice and persistence, improves over time with effort](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=4206.0)

**Next Steps**

* [Study the book of Galatians for insights on legalism vs. freedom in Christ](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=4349.0)
* [Practice identifying and addressing areas needing increased self-control](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=4045.0)
* [Continue regular Bible study to deepen understanding of godliness](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=4284.0)
* [Apply lessons on contentment vs. worldly gain in daily life](https://fathom.video/share/5w3ViF2XxASQzzjJ6Cqssts5ey74ZSsx?tab=summary&timestamp=2279.0)