

Why are you acting that way?

Who taught you to act (or talk) like that?

We act like those who influence us

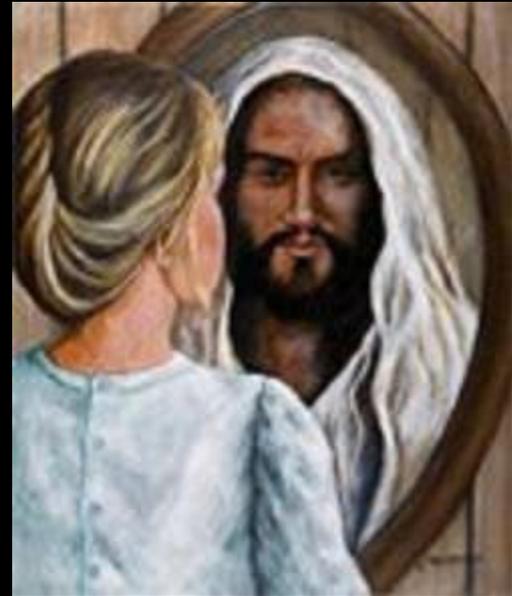
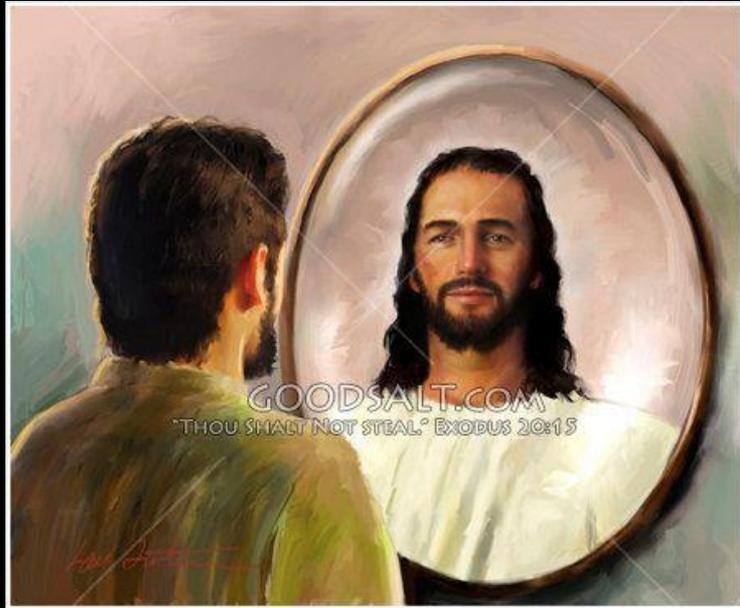
Parents

Family members

Friends

Teachers

God (The Holy Spirit)?



**Who do people see when they look
at you?**

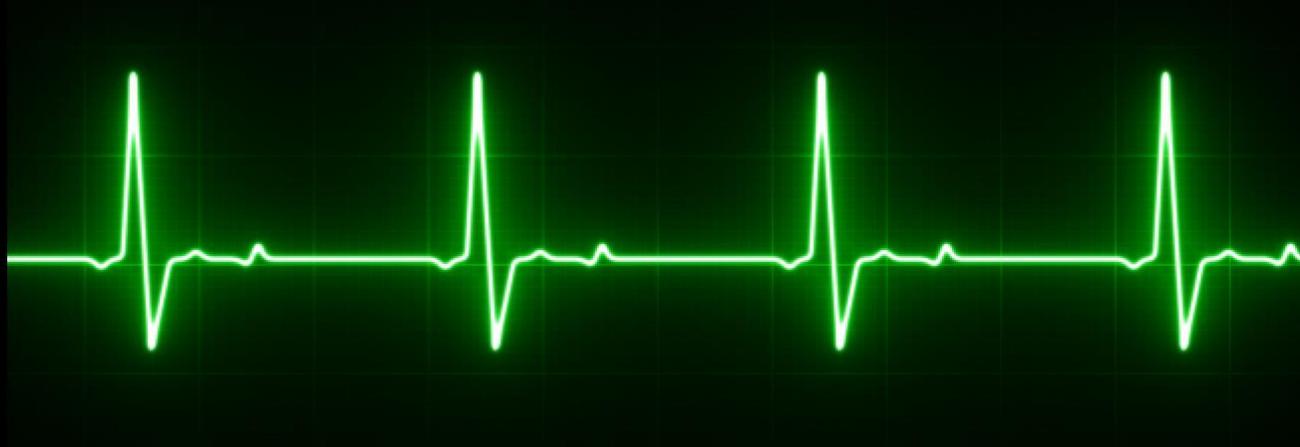


Vital Signs

**Temperature Pulse Respiration
Blood Pressure
(TPR + B/P)**

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Vital
Godliness



Godliness = Reverence

Proverbs 1:7

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but
fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Godliness = Piety toward God

1 Timothy 4:8

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

2 Peter 1:6-7

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

I. Lacking In The World



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Psalm 12:1-2

1 Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.



The more men have multiplied
the forms of religion, the more
vital Godliness has declined.

Nathaniel Emmons

II. An Empty Form In Modern Christianity

A. No power

2 Timothy 3:5

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

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B. No truth

1 Timothy 6:3-5

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

III. Found In Christ

A. The source of godliness

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

III. Found In Christ

B. The pattern of godliness

Hebrews 5:7-9

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

IV. The Power For Believers

A. For all things

2 Peter 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

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B. By all scripture

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

V. The Pursuit For Believers

A. Stay focused

1 Timothy 4:7

But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

B. Stay pure

1 Timothy 6:10-11

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

VI. The Reaction From The World

A. It's inevitability

2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

B. It's inferiority

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

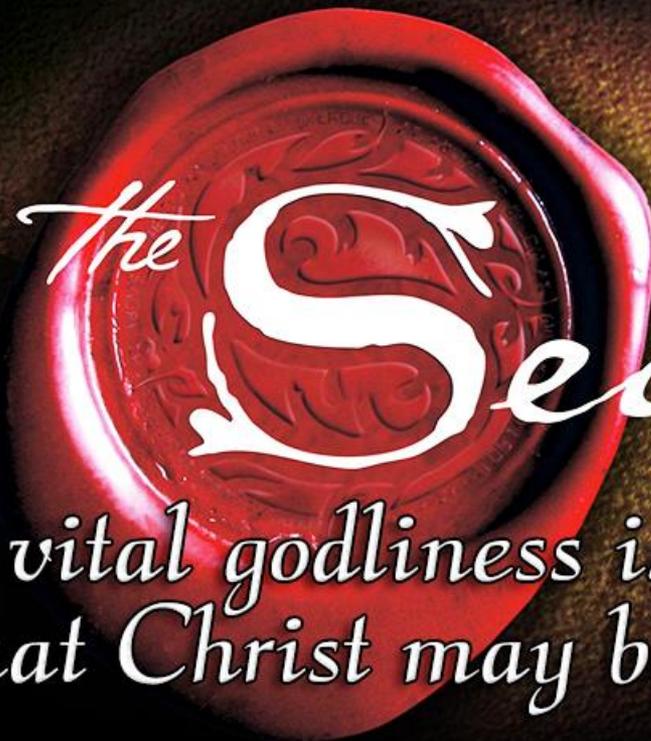
VII. Indispensable For Eternity

2 Peter 3:9-11

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,



the **S**ecret

*of vital godliness is to be nothing,
that Christ may be all in all!*

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