The Construction of a Godly Life – Part 2 (Hebrews 12:2)

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INTRODUCTION

- This is something that we can accomplish. This is very doable according to 2 Peter chapter 1.
- That doesn't mean that you can merit or earn your salvation, but simply to give evidence that you are indeed a child of God, and that you are a person of faith and trust in Him.

1 Christ: The Central Piece of the Puzzle

- The key to it all, the central piece of the puzzle, the thing that the whole puzzle is about, is Jesus Christ.
- Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- So if we're going to construct the godly life, we need to be focused on Christ.
- This is instead adoration, gratitude, and imitation. And may those things characterize our devotion to Christ.

2 Christians With Conviction

James 1:6–7; Galatians 4:19; 2 Peter 1:10

- I have witnessed friends and relatives fall away from God. I noticed one common thread between them: a lack of conviction.
- For the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.
- These verses describe a life of labor and diligence to make certain that Jesus, our Savior, is formed in us.
- Let's be truth seekers and find our conviction that this book and only this book has the God given message that Jesus is our Savior.

3 Consecration: Set Apart for God's Purpose

2 Timothy 2:20–22

- Consecration means to be set apart for a specific purpose. In our context, it's to be set apart for God's purpose.
- Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.
- So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord.
- Are we reflecting in our lives that we are pursuing peace? That we are being a vessel of honor set apart for God's purpose.

4 How and Why We Show Compassion

- Whoever has this world's goods and sees his brother in need and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?
- One of the keys to wanting to help other people is recognizing our common humanity, our common struggle with the situations of life, our common struggle with sin.
- The second thing that I want to say about compassion is that compassion needs to actively seek an outlet.
- The third thing that I want to say about compassion is that compassion is best practiced in person.
- You can't make a difference for everybody. But you can make a difference for that one.

5 Communion With God Through Prayer

- Our way of communicating with God. Our relationship with God through prayer.
- We need prayer in our lives because it humbles us. Prayer brings us closer to God.
- If the Son of God needs to pray and needs to humble himself to his father, then what does that mean for us?

6 Confession: Hold Fast Without Wavering

- Saying the words, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and then being baptized, is the beginning of your confession of Christ, not the end.
- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.
- By your example, you are either confessing that you love Christ, or that you are ashamed of Christ by your actions. There is no in between.
- Because when it comes to living a godly life, we have to be all in or nothing.

THE CHALLENGE

Putting together this puzzle is going to take time and effort and perseverance. May you give your effort to it. Give your all to it and invoke the master's help.

MY NOTES