

## **Life and Godliness**

**3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4**

**5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 2 Peter 1:5-7**

**Aretē (goodness) is equally seeking out good and righteous things to do on behalf of others.**

**The basis for goodness or moral excellence is the word of God.**

**Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22**

**Self-control is about treating your spiritual life as if it is something that is worth sacrificing greatly for.**

**Perseverance is best related to endurance and the only way to develop endurance is to train for it.**

**Godliness is about making sure everything in your life points to Christ and away from self.**

**Our care and commitment to one another must be the leading hallmark of our church.**

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35**

**Agapē love is the ability to love even when you don’t feel like it.**

**8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:8**

**Developing these Christ-like qualities and living out their realities has to be our most passionate pursuit in life.**