**The Mystery of Godliness**
1 Timothy 3

1. Household – the roof

* The Church
*I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon,****15****so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the* ***household of God****.* ***This is the church of the living God****, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.* 1 Timothy 3:14-15
* Individually
*Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?* 1 Corinthians 3:16

2. Foundation
 Who I am, who we are, who He is

3. Building – the structure
*Beyond question, great is the* ***mystery*** *of* ***godliness***… 1 Timothy 3:16

* Mystery
* Godliness

*Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet* ***lives marked by godliness*** *and dignity.* 1 Tim. 2:2

*Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather,* ***train******yourself*** *for the purpose of****godliness****;
For physical training is of some value, but* ***godliness*** *has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.* 1 Tim. 4:7-8

*If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching (****godliness****),****4****they are conceited and understand nothing…****6****But* ***godliness*** *with contentment is great gain.****7****For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it…****11****But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness,* ***godliness****, faith, love, endurance and gentleness…* 1 Tim. 6:3-4, 6-7, 11

* Dignity/Integrity

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4. Live it, Live it out

* *Why* grow in godliness? 1 Peter 1:2-9
* *How* grow in godliness? Ephesians 3:16-19
*It is quite true that the way to live a godly life is not an easy matter.* ***But the answer lies in Christ****, who came to earth as a man, was proved spotless and pure in his Spirit, was served by angels, was preached among the nations, was accepted by men everywhere, and was received up again to his glory in heaven.* 1 Tim 3:16
* My take-home: