

2 Peter 1:5-6

For this very reason,  
make every effort to supplement  
your faith with virtue,  
and virtue with knowledge,  
and knowledge with self-control,  
and self-control with steadfastness,  
and steadfastness with godliness...

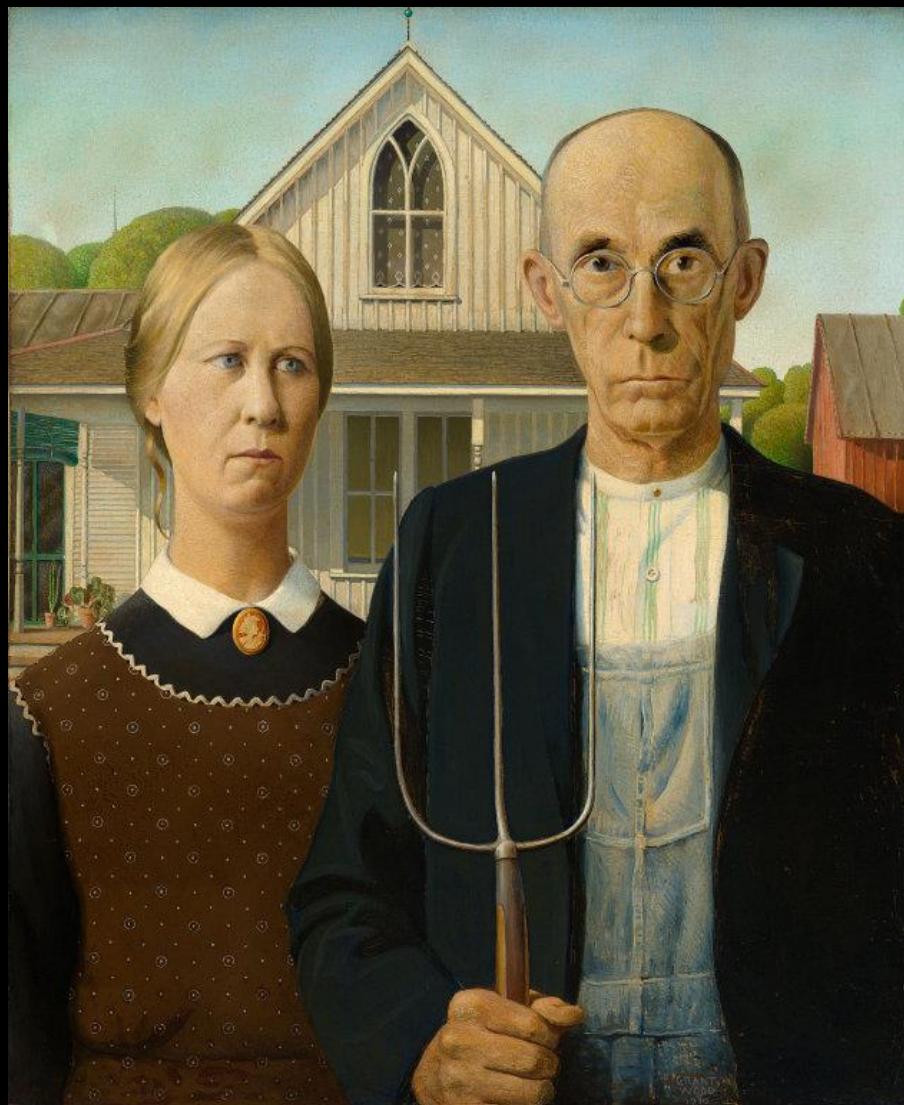
# How to Be a Black Belt for the Kingdom!

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| Faith               | White belt  |
| Excellence          | Yellow belt |
| Knowledge           | Orange belt |
| Self-control        | Green belt  |
| Steadfastness       | Blue belt   |
| Godliness           | Purple belt |
| Brotherly affection | Brown belt  |
| Love                | Black belt  |

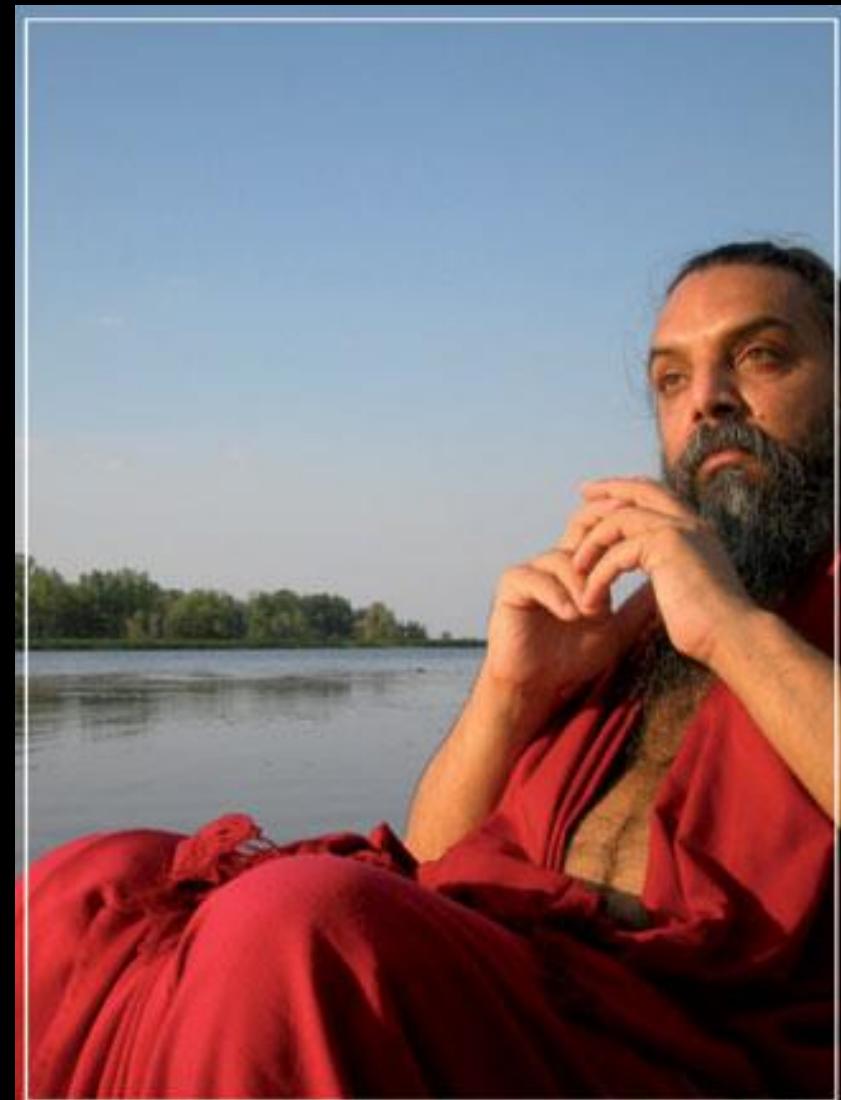
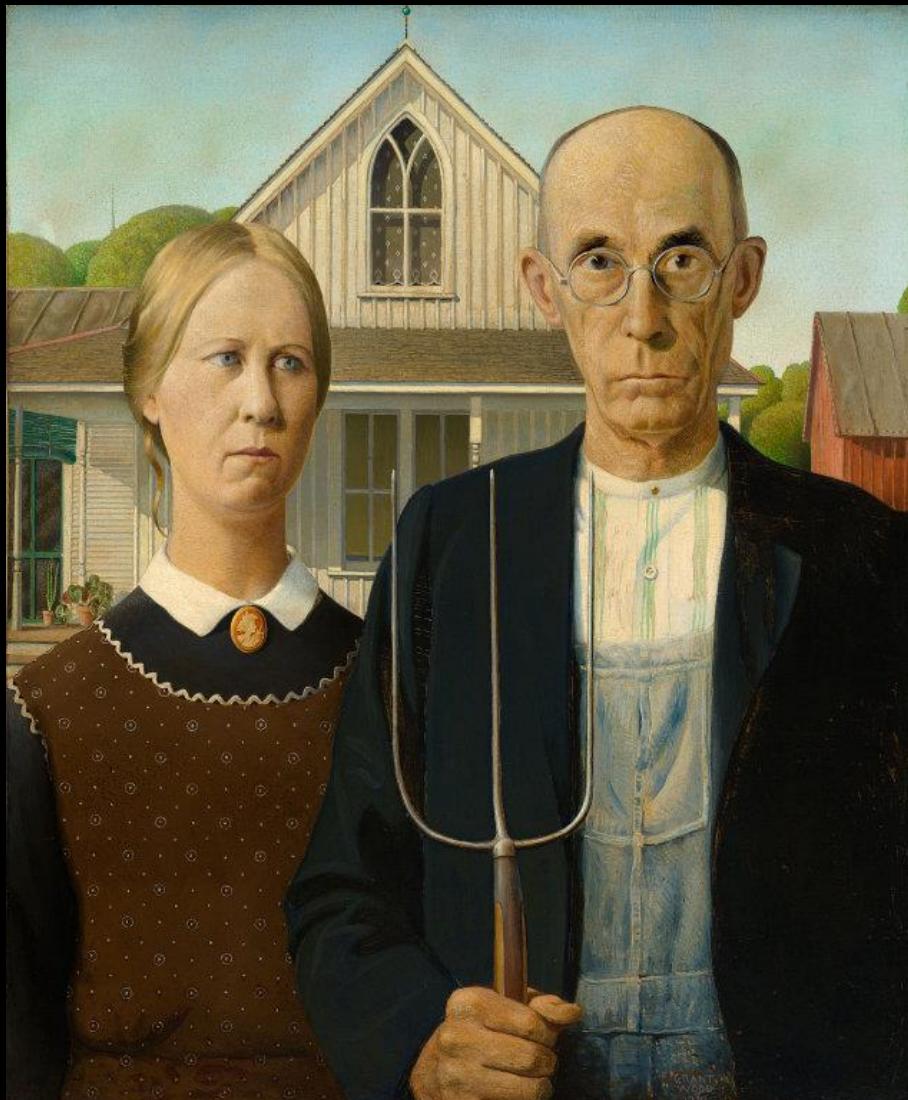
# Godliness

- *Eusebeia*
- Piety
- Reverence for God  
and for things pertaining to God

# Godliness ???



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2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us  
all things that pertain to life and godliness,  
through the knowledge of him who called us  
to his own glory and excellence.

# Godliness vs. God-likeness

Striving to be like God  
(i.e., conforming to God's likeness)

vs.

presuming to be God-like

# Godliness vs. God-likeness

Endeavoring to be like God vs.  
Presuming to be God-like



“Called to be saints” =

Called to run the race  
by God's grace  
from guilt, to gratitude, to glory!

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| 3. Knowledge    | 4. Self-Control |
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| 5. Perseverance |                 |
| 6. Godliness    |                 |

1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess,  
is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

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2 Timothy 3:1-5

But understand this, that in the last days  
there will come times of difficulty.

For people will be lovers of self,  
lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive,  
disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,  
heartless, unappeasable, slanderous,  
without self-control, brutal, not loving good,  
treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit,  
lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,  
having the appearance of godliness,  
but denying its power.

Avoid such people.

Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

1 Timothy 4:1-9

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times  
some will depart from the faith  
by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits  
and teachings of demons,  
through the insincerity of liars  
whose consciences are seared,  
who forbid marriage and require abstinence  
from foods that God created  
to be received with thanksgiving  
by those who believe and know the truth.

1 Timothy 4:1-9

For everything created by God is good,  
and nothing is to be rejected  
if it is received with thanksgiving,  
for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

If you put these things before the brothers,  
you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus,  
being trained in the words of the faith  
and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

1 Timothy 4:1-9

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths.

Rather train yourself for godliness;  
for while bodily training is of some value,  
godliness is of value in every way,  
as it holds promise for the present life  
and also for the life to come.

The saying is trustworthy  
and deserving of full acceptance.

1 Timothy 6:3-12

If anyone teaches a different doctrine  
and does not agree with the sound words  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the teaching that accords with godliness,  
he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.

He has an unhealthy craving for controversy  
and for quarrels about words, which produce envy,  
dissension, slander, evil suspicions,  
and constant friction among people  
who are depraved in mind  
and deprived of the truth,  
imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

1 Timothy 6:3-12

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,  
for we brought nothing into the world,  
and we cannot take anything out of the world...  
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

It is through this craving that some  
have wandered away from the faith  
and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:3-12

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,  
steadfastness, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith.

Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called  
and about which you made the good confession  
in the presence of many witnesses.

Matthew 7:7-9

“Ask, and it will be given to you;  
seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you.

“For everyone who asks receives,  
and the one who seeks finds,  
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

Proverbs 29:18  
Where there is no vision,  
the people perish.

Mark 8:17-18

And Jesus, aware of this, said to them,  
“Why are you discussing the fact  
that you have no bread?

Do you not yet perceive or understand?

Are your hearts hardened?

Having eyes do you not see,  
and having ears do you not hear?

And do you not remember?

“It is possible to be a theological Yoda  
while being a relational Darth Vader.  
Speak the truth in love.”

~Scotty Smith

1. Seek God
2. See God
3. Serve God

1 Timothy 6:12

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