

**Godliness is an attribute of GOD.**  
Godliness is NOT an attribute of man.  
Godliness cannot be produced by man's effort.

**At best a man can only produce a counterfeit godliness or  
a righteous pretense through religious effort and will-power.**

**If man could produce godliness through his own efforts  
then God did not need to send His Son to die for us.**

Colossians 2:6-9

*Therefore as you have received **Christ Jesus the Lord**, so walk in Him,  
having been firmly rooted (in Him) and now being built up in Him  
and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing  
with gratitude.*

*See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty  
deception,  
according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles  
of the world,  
rather than according to Christ.*

**For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,**

**Godliness in man, then, is the life-flow of God  
through the one who is in Christ and who is growing in Him,  
in Whom all the fullness of God dwells.**