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Stoke the Fire 4: Godliness, Mutual Affection, Love

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust. So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities

active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

So, friends, confirm God's invitation to you, his choice of you. Don't put it off; do it now. Do this, and you'll have your life on a firm footing, the streets paved and the way wide open into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-11 (MSG)

Godliness

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."	John 14:9 (NIV)
godliness has value for all things, holding promise for b and the life to come.	oth the present life 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)
Godliness comes from being	
It is linked with our	

Mutual Affection

I can	_ add this to faith because G	od me!
Lord, I have given up my pride and turned away from my arrogance. I am not concerned with great matters or with subjects too difficult for me. Instead, I am content and at peace. As a child lies quietly in its mother's arms, so my heart is quiet within me. Israel, trust in the Lord now and forever! Psalm 131:1-3 (GNT)		
	Generous Love	
Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12-14 (NLT)		
Love is about		
	Good News and Prayer	

<u>Key to Bible translations</u> **NIV** New International Version, **NLT** New Living Translation, **GNT** Good News Translation **MSG** The Message