

## **God's Household, Part 9: "The Mystery of Godliness"**

### **1 Timothy 3:14-16**

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*Live out our identity as the church  
in light of the mystery of the Gospel.*

#### **I. Key Word #1: Godliness (14-15a)**

1 Timothy 3:14-15a (ESV): *14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15a if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God...*

1. God has expectations for how his people were to live their lives.
2. True godliness is not mere behavior modification achieved by our effort.

#### **II. Key Word #2: Identity (15b)**

1 Timothy 3:15b (ESV): *...15b the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*

1. Our identity is who we are because of Christ, thus influences how we live. *See John 1:12-13, Joshua 3:10.*

2. Our identity informs God's people and the world of his purpose and design.

#### **III. Key Word #3: Mystery (16)**

1 Timothy 3:16 (ESV): *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.*

1. The "mystery" is revealed to us in Christ, the center of God's salvation story. *See John 1:14.*
2. The church's "mystery of godliness" reveals God's wisdom to the universe. *See Ephesians 3:9-10.*

#### **→ Life Application:**

1. Pursue the mystery of Christ in a) planned opportunities and b) unplanned opportunities that you face.
2. Implement "godliness" into your life that is consistent with your identity in light of the mystery of the Gospel.