The Marks Of A Christian's Life

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[0:00] The 15th of December, the marks of a Christian's life. 2 Peter 3, 11, New Living Translation. What holy and godly lives you should live, looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along.

There is an old saying that we are the sinner's Bible, we are the scoffer's creed. In our day, when so many people do not go to church, that saying is really very important. The only contact many people may have with Christianity is you.
Someone has said that a saint is someone who makes it easy to believe in God. A life that has certain marks, a certain character and personality that mark him or her out as special, is the kind of person God wants us to be.
Peter mentions two special words in writing about the Christians he had in mind. They should be holy and godly. The word holy sums up the kind of life we should be living, clean and pure in mind, thoughts and words.
The word godly refers to the attitude we have to God, an attitude of humility and reverence that shows just how great and how good God is. In one of his poems, Robert Burns wrote, Oh, what power the gift of Gias to see ourselves as others see us.
[1:17] So if you are a Christian, how do you think others see you? Can others see Christ in you? Can they see holiness and godliness in you? These are very challenging and personal words.

I speak to myself as well. We must be signposts pointing people to Jesus. God bless you as you do that. And a prayer. Lord, I know I can't be a good and true Christian without your help.
Please live in me so that your life will shine through me. Amen. And a note from the narrator. As an American, I feel completely inadequate to read a Robert Burns poem in Scots.
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