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The Godliest people I know are humble people.

By humble I don't mean quiet, shy, or afraid to speak their mind. The Godly, humble man lives simply, joyfully, and without complication because he lives first for God and for others. He is willing and even eager to take correction or advice as he knows that it might help him love God and others better. He listens more than he speaks. He talks more with God than about God. He takes advantage of every chance that comes his way to show God's love to others, especially those most in need, even if it makes him feel uncomfortable or inconvenienced. He is always ready to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. He doesn't always feel spiritual, but he never gives up on his faith in God. He laughs readily because he doesn't take himself too seriously. He cares deeply about people but isn't overly worried about what they think of him. Nor is he overly worried about what God thinks of Him, because he already knows and has experienced God's unconditional love for him. He avoids sin in his life not first out of fear of punishment, but rather because he cares deeply about his friendship with God.

This is the type of man and woman our world, church, and parish needs.

I, for one, am a long way from this goal, but let's keep trying!! God's grace for conversion is powerful!!

God bless,  
Fr. Jonathan