

pious['paɪəs] *a*

- 1) набожный, благочестивый, религиозный
pious literature - религиозная литература
 - 2) глубоко, искренне чувствующий
 - 3) добродетельный
pious effort - добродетельный/достойный уважения/ поступок
pious hope - благое намерение
2. ханжеский; лицемерный
pious perjury /fraud, deception/ - ложь во спасение
 3. *арх.* с уважением относящийся к родителям, старшим *и т. п.*
◇ pious opinion - широко распространённое верование, вера во что-л.

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

pious *BrE* ['paɪəs] ^m *NAmE* ['paɪəs] ^m **adjective**

1. having or showing a deep respect for God and religion

Syn: ↑devout

- pious acts

Opp: ↑impious**see also** ↑piety

2. (disapproving) pretending to be religious, moral or good in order to impress other people

Syn: ↑sanctimonious

- pious sentiments
- He dismissed his critics as pious do-gooders.

3. ~ hope something that you want to happen but is unlikely to be achieved

- Such reforms seem likely to remain little more than pious hopes.

Derived Word ↑piously**Word Origin:**[**pious piously**] late Middle English: from Latin **pious** 'dutiful, pious' + ↑-ous.**Example Bank:**

- a rather pious and condescending smile

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pious /'paɪəs/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** pious]

1. having strong religious beliefs, and showing this in the way you behave ⇒ **piety**:

He was a quiet, pious man.

2. if you describe what someone says as pious talk, words etc, you mean that they are trying to sound good or moral but you do not believe that they are sincere or will really do what they say:

pious speeches by politicians about 'family values'

3. **pious hope/wish** something that you want to be true or to happen, but that is very unlikely:

All these agreements and ideas remain little more than pious hopes in the present climate.

—**piously** *adverb***pious**

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