

# **Holiness**

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## I. Introduction. (Ephesians 3:8)

- A. Of all God's attributes, he highlights his goodness and glory the most. (Exodus 33)
- B. God places tremendous importance to his holiness. (Isaiah 6; Revelation 4:8)
- C. God expects us to be holy in all that we do. (1 Peter 1:15-16)
- D. Holiness is conformity to God's moral character. (1 John 1:5)
- E. We are to pursue holiness in this life. (Ephesians 4:22-24)
- F. Pursuing holiness is a joint work between God and man. (Philippians 2:12-13; Psalm 127:1)
- G. By the nature of salvation, it is impossible for a Christian to want to continue in sin because he has been purchased into a new kingdom. (Romans 6:1ff; 5:21; Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13)
  - 1. Through the death of Christ, we have died to the kingdom of sin.
  - 2. We have been transferred into the kingdom of sin.
- H. We have a part in holiness. (Hebrews 12)

## II. Convictions.

- A. We must get our convictions out of the Bible. (Ephesians 5:8-10, 17; Titus 1:1; 2 Timothy 3:16)
  - 1. The Bible is useful for teaching us.
  - 2. It is useful for reproving.
  - 3. It is useful for correcting.
  - 4. The Bible trains us.
- B. An example. (Philippians 2:3-4; Ephesians 4:28)

## III. Commitment.

- A. A belief is what you hold. A commitment holds you.
- B. We must make a commitment not to sin. (Titus 2:11-12)
- C. We must resolve ourselves to make certain commitments in specific temptation as well. (Job 31:1)

D. We must make a decision to reaffirm commitments when we face temptations again. (Romans 6:13)

IV. Choices.

A. Saying no requires discipline. (1 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 5:14; 12:11)

B. It is possible to train ourselves in every direction. (2 Peter 2:14)

C. You are going to be what you are now becoming.

D. Discipline requires perseverance. (Hebrews 12:15)

E. Discipline is necessary because there will be discouragement and failure. (Hebrews 12:12; Galatians 2; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:1)

**Application questions:**

1. How will you go about gaining and affirming your convictions this week?

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2. What are some wrong ways to go about growing in holiness?

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3. Why does our motivation matter when we are considering holiness? Explain.

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