



“LIVING A HOLY LIFE”

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I Thessalonians 3:9-13, II Thess. 1:1-8
God commands us *“to live a holy life.”* V.13
Sin will destroy a man, a marriage, a home, a
Christian or a church if we do not reject it in
our lives and live holy.

Luke 1:67-75 *“To rescue us from the hand
of our enemies, and to enable us to serve
Him without fear in holiness and
righteousness before Him all our days.”*
V.74-75

Jesus came to set us free from condemnation
and fear of Him. Because of Jesus we can
serve God without fear in righteousness and
holiness.

**Why should we live holy as a Christian?*

There are five major reasons why we should
live holy.

HOLINESS IS A REFLECTION OF MY NEW NATURE IN CHRIST

The reason you and I should live holy is

because we have been made holy by the
power of what Jesus did at the cross.
Eph. 4:22-24 says, *“Put off the old man”.*
“Be renewed in the attitude of your minds”
*“put on the new self, created to be like God
in true righteousness and holiness.”* If you
are born again, you have been made
righteous and holy in the eyes of God.
If you have been made righteous and holy,
then you should act like it. Are you
reflecting God’s righteousness in your life?
Paul said, *“But now that you have been set
free from sin and have become slaves to
God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness,
and the result is eternal life.”* Rom. 6:22
As true Christians we should have the fruit
of holiness. Fruit is the by-product of what a
tree is. Fruit does not make the tree what it
is, but because of what the tree is, it
produces or bears fruit. An orange tree will
produce oranges! We do not do things to

become good that is religion. We have been made righteous and holy and if we abide in Christ, the fruit of Holiness comes into our lives naturally. The fruit in my life testifies to what I am in Christ. We are holy because in Christ it is our new nature. If you are saved, you want to do what is right. If you say that you are an orange tree and never produce oranges than something is wrong with that tree.

HOLINESS IS A BY-PRODUCT OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



Holiness is a by-product of our intimate relationship with God. Holiness is the results of the presence of God in our lives.

Because of the presence of God in our lives holiness is following that presence. Moses experiences this because of his relationship with God. ***“When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.”*** Exodus 34:29

When you spend quality time with God and walk the walk, God’s presence will follow you like in the life of Moses. Who are you hanging around with or spending time with? You cannot wallow in the mud with the pigs and expect to smell like a rose. If you wallow with the pigs you are going to stink. I Corinthians 15:33 says, ***“Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.”***

But if you hang around godly people with good character, it will rub off on you. Spend time with God and holiness will be a by-product in your life. The Holy Spirit will produce in your life the character of God and the likeness of Jesus if you spend time with God. Many people say they know God and spend time with God, but they don’t have any fruit in their lives.

HOLINESS IS A WITNESS TO THE LOST

Holiness in our life is a witness to the lost. Matthew 5:13-16 - ***“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men...”*** Walking holy testifies of God’s presence in our lives. Our holiness brings conviction to the lost.

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven,” Matthew 5:16 We live holy because men are to see our good works. Men are to see the light of God in our lives. Your life is a witness to the lost. Our life speaks louder than our words. If we live unholy, we fuel the lost sinners’ justification to rebel against God. The church of God should not give the lost a reason of why they reject God. If you walk according to God’s Word it will bring conviction to the lost soul.

HOLINESS IS BECAUSE WE LOVE GOD



John 14:15 - ***“If you love Me, you will obey what I command.”*** The motivation for doing the will of God is love. We keep the commandments because of our love we have for God. ***“Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be love by my Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him.”*** John 14:21 As your love for God grows your holiness also increases in your life. You do not want to hurt Jesus in any way.

HOLINESS IS BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THE DEADLINESS OF SIN

We understand now the deadliness of sin. Before we got saved, we could not understand the things of God. Jesus said, ***“I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”*** John. 3:3

You cannot understand the love, ways, things or the kingdom of God until you are born again. Before salvation we could not see the deadliness of sin. We could not understand that sin was a cancer. Sin is a cancer in the spirit realm. If you allow sin to have its way it can destroy: lives, people Homes, marriages, minds, bodies... (I Corinthians 2:8-16) We have the mind of

Christ to understand the things of God. The lost sinner does not understand the things of God. ***“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”*** I Corinthians 2:14

The lost sinner cannot understand how adultery can destroy a marriage or how drinking alcohol can destroy his life. But the born-again Christian knows and understands the deadliness of sin. There are rewards for living holy. Peace of mind, victory over Satan, anointing, eternal life. God’s blessings and favor upon your life.

CONCLUSION:

Why should we live a holy life? Holiness is a reflection of my new nature in Christ. Holiness is a by-product of my relationship with God. Holiness is a witness to the lost. Holiness is because we love God. Holiness is because we understand the deadliness of sin. God says, ***“BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY”***. I Peter 1:16