

Our Responsibility for Holiness

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I. Introduction.

A. God has made it possible for us to pursue holiness, but we must respond in an active way to what God has done for us. We must not let sin reign in our mortal bodies.

B. There are irreducible minimums in the pursuit of holiness.

II. We must develop biblical convictions. (2 Timothy 3:16)

A. The Scripture is useful for teaching us God's instruction for us.

B. The Scripture is useful for reproof.

C. The Scripture is useful for restoration.

D. The Scripture is useful for training. (Hebrews 12; Ephesians 6)

III. We must follow through a conviction with a general commitment not to sin. (Psalm 119:106; Daniel 1:8; Job 31:1; Titus 2:11-12)

IV. We must make individual choices to say no to sins. (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; Matthew 10:21; 27:1; 26:59)

V. We must train ourselves by constantly making the right choices. We train ourselves every day by the choices we make. (Hebrews 5:14; 2 Peter 2:14)

VI. We must persevere. (Proverbs 24:16)

VII. We must pray and depend upon the grace of God. (2 Corinthians 8)

VIII. We are fully responsible for our holiness as is God. (Psalm 119:9-16, 33)

Application questions:

1. How would you differentiate our responsibility toward holiness from God's responsibility toward our holiness?

2. What is your plan for studying the Scripture to develop clearer biblical convictions?

3. How can you strengthen your prayer life for holiness?
