I. Introduction.
   A. God is holy, and holiness is a prominent theme in the Bible. Every Christian has been called to holiness. (1 Peter 1:13-16; Isaiah 57:15)
   B. Holiness has to do with moral conduct. It is sinning not and doing what God commands. (1 John 2:1; John 8:29)
   C. God hates sin. (Habakkuk 1:13; Zechariah 8:17)

II. Reasons we are not more holy.
   A. We simply have not committed ourselves to fully obeying God. (1 John 2:1)
   B. We have a self-centered view of the consequences of sin.
   C. We do not take some sin seriously. (Song of Solomon 2:15; Luke 16:10)

III. God has made provision for us to walk in holiness, but he has given us responsibility of doing the walking. (Romans 8:13)
   A. We must both trust and try. (Romans 8:13; 6:14; Philippians 4:13)
   B. If we are to destroy the sinful life, we must have...
      1. Conviction that God wants us to live a holy life and convictions about specific areas of life. (Romans 13:7)
      2. Commitment.
      3. Personal discipline. We structure our lives to be holy. (1 Timothy 4:7; 2 Timothy 3:16)
      4. Perseverance. (Proverbs 24:16)

IV. Conclusion. (John 15:10-11; 1 John 5:3)
Application questions:

1. What reason for a lack of holiness resonates with you?

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2. How can we be responsible for holiness and yet not credited for achieving it?

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3. What can you do differently this week to structure your life for holiness? Explain.

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