I. Introduction.

A. The Bible was not given just to give you knowledge. It was given to guide your conduct.

B. God has called every Christian to a holy life. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

C. Holiness is woven throughout all of Scripture.

D. Holiness is being like God in moral blamelessness. It is not sinning and doing the will of God. (1 John 2:1; John 8:29)

E. God hates sin. (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; 1 John 1:9)

III. How we are to become more holy.

A. We must both trust and work to put to death the sinful deeds of the body. (Romans 8:13; Philippians 2:13)

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. (1 John 2:1; Romans 13:7)

2. Commitment.

3. Personal discipline. We structure our lives to be holy.

4. Perseverance. (Proverbs 24:16)

IV. Conclusion. (John 15:10-11)
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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