

# **A Holy Life**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Peter 1:13-16.

B. The gospel teaches us to say no to others and worldly passion for self-control and godly lives in the present. Hope and holiness are interwoven.

C. Both “holiness” and “Lord” occurs between 600 and 700 times in the Bible.

## II. Holiness is moral blamelessness. (1 John 2:1; John 8:29)

A. God is serious about holiness. It is the fruit of holiness. (Hebrews 12:14)

B. God hates sin. (Zechariah 8:17)

## III. 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 wrong view of the consequences of sin. (Psalm 51:4)

C. We do not take some sin seriously. (Luke 16:10; Song of Solomon 2:15)

## IV. God has made provision for us to walk in holiness, but he has given us responsibility of doing the walking.

A. Our responsibility: in the Spirit we are to put to death the deeds of the flesh. (Romans 8:13)

1. We must do it, but we must do it through the Spirit. (Philippians 4:13)

2. We are to destroy our sinful deeds. We must have...

a. Conviction and convictions about specific areas of life. (Romans 13:7)

b. Commitment.

c. Personal discipline. We structure our lives to be holy. (1 Timothy 4:7; 2 Timothy 3:16)

d. Perseverance. (Proverbs 24:16)

## V. 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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