

Pursuit of Holiness

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I. Introduction.

A. Holiness is conformity to the character of God.

B. The grace of God teaches us to live a godly life. (Ephesians 4:17, 24; Titus 2:11-12)

II. Holiness is putting off the old self, renewing the attitudes of our minds and putting on the new self.

(Ephesians 4:24; Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:12-14)

III. We are to be renewed in our minds so that we love positive traits and reject negative ones. (Hebrews

1:9)

IV. Specific situations. (Ephesians 4:25ff)

A. Personal integrity.

1. Put off falsehood and put on truthfulness.

2. Put off stealing and put on generosity.

C. Moral purity. Put off every hint of sexual immorality and put on thanksgiving.

D. Personal relationships. Put off unwholesome speech and put on building one another up.

V. Sin grieves the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 60:10; Ezekiel 6:9; Ephesians 4:30)

Application questions:

1. Explain holiness.

2. What are some other examples of putting off a behavior and putting another on?

3. What is your action plan for growing in holiness this week? Explain.
