**HOLINESS**

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Holiness is what I need

Holiness, holiness is what You want from me, from me…

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So, Take my heart and mold it

Take my mind, transform it

Take my will, conform it

To Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord

We sing this song – but do we really mean it, do we even understand just what holiness entails, what it means to be sanctified, set apart by and for God?

Romans 12:1-2: 1 Peter 2:15,16 ;Hebrews 12:14; Colossians 1:21-22 , 3:1-3

What sort of persons are those whom God calls holy?

1. Holiness is the habit of being of one mind with God
   1. Measuring everything in this world by the standard of His word
2. A holy man will endeavor to shun every known sin, and to keep every known commandment
   1. A greater fear of displeasing God then of displeasing the world
3. A holy man will strive to be like our Lord Jesus Christ
   1. To be conformed to His likeness (Romans 8:29)
      1. To be lowly minded and humble (Philippians 2:5-11)
4. A holy man will follow after joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control. ( Gal,5:22)
5. A holy man will follow after temperance and self-denial
   1. To curb his passions and restrain is carnal inclinations
6. A holt man will follow after a spirit of mercy and benevolence towards others.
   1. To lessen the spiritual wants and misery around him
7. A holy man will follow after purity of heart
   1. Dread all filthiness and uncleanness of spirit
8. A holy man will follow after the fear of God
   1. Not afraid but in awe and reverence
9. A holy man will follow after humilty
   1. In lowliest of mind, esteeming all others better than himself.
10. A holy man will follow after spiritual mindedness.

Reasons why we should be holy:

We are to be Godlike—holy (I Pet. 1:16).

God requires us to be holy (Lev. 20:7).

He calls His people a holy priesthood (I Pet. 2:5).

He has chosen us to be holy (Eph. 1:4).

Christ died that we might be holy (Eph. 5:25-27).

The Spirit was given to make us holy (II Thess. 2:13).

We are to put on the new man in holiness (Eph. 4:24).

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God establishes the heart in holiness (I Thess. 3:13).

We are to serve God in holiness (Luke 1:75).

The fruits of our lives are to be holy (Rom. 6:22).

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We are to follow after holiness (Heb. 12:14).

We are to be presented holy unto Christ (Col. 1:22).

Our hearts are to be perfect (I Kings 8:61; II Kings 20:3).

Our love is to be perfect (I John 4:12, 17, 18).

We are to pray to be perfect (Heb. 13:21).

We are to be perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28).

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