

Holiness

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I. Introduction.

- A. God is infinite in all of his attributes, but only holiness receives a threefold attribute. (Isaiah 6)
- B. God has chosen this expression because he wants to elevate his character. (1 John 1:5)
- C. We are to be holy because God is holy. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

II. Christ freed us from the dominion of sin. God has made it possible for us to live in holiness. (Romans 6:11)

III. Practical steps for holiness.

A. Convictions.

- 1. We must get our convictions out of the Bible.
- 2. Be careful not to get your convictions from anywhere else.

B. Commitment.

- 1. A commitment is a definite decision to act on your conviction.
- 2. We must resolve ourselves to make certain commitments. (Job 31:1; Daniel 1:8; Ezekiel 14:14)

C. Choices.

- 1. Every day we are confronted with the choice to say no to temptation and yes to God. (Titus 2:11-12)
- 2. God has given us the ability to say no.

D. Dependence. (Romans 8:13; John 15:5)

- 1. The Spirit energizes and enables us to battle temptation.
- 2. We are absolutely dependent upon God. We have no strength of our own.

E. Desires.

- 1. So often our motivation for holiness is self-centered. Many are more vexed about self-esteem than the holiness of God.
- 2. We should be holy because God commanded it.

Application questions:

1. How will you go about gaining and affirming your convictions this week?

2. What are some wrong ways to go about growing in holiness?

3. Why does our motivation matter when we are considering holiness? Explain.
