

A Holy Life

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Bible was given to guide and regulate our conduct.
- B. We are to make every effort to grow in holiness. (Hebrews 12:14)
 - 1. Holiness is a way of life. It is sinning not and doing what God commands. (1 Peter 1:16; 1 John 2:1; John 8:29)

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 wrong view of the consequences of sin.
 - 1. We should consider defeat disobedience instead.
 - 2. If we sin, it is because we choose to sin.
- C. We do not take some sin seriously. (Luke 16:10; Song of Solomon 2:15)

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

- A. We must both trust and try. (Philippians 4:13)
- 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. (James 1:22; Romans 13:6)
 - 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?

2. How can we be responsible for holiness and yet not credited for achieving it?

3. What can you do differently this week to structure your life for holiness? Explain.
