

## **Holiness – Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. If your life is characterized one way or another, you can judge which direction you are headed. (Romans 8:13)

II. God has made provision for putting to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit. We have a responsibility both to trust and try. (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; Hebrews 12:1; James 4:7)

A. To put sin to death means to take decisive action against sin. (Matthew 7:21; Romans 7:4; 1 Peter 3:18)

B. To put sin to death we must develop some convictions from the Scriptures for teaching, reproof, correction and training. (2 Timothy 3:16; Ephesians 6:4; Ephesians 12)

1. How to answer whether something is God's will that is not explicit in the Scriptures.

a. Is it helpful or beneficial? (1 Corinthians 6:12)

b. Does it bring you under its power?

c. Does it cause another to stumble?

d. Does it glorify God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

2. Do not judge those with different convictions. Our convictions should be to the Lord. Keep these convictions between you and God. (Romans 14)

C. We must have a commitment about our convictions not to sin generally and in specific areas. (1 John 2:1; Romans 8:13; 6:19)

1. Habits can be developed through repetition.

2. Habits can be developed by never allowing the exception to occur.

D. We must persevere. Training is first characterized by failure. (Proverbs 24:16)

**Application questions:**

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

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

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

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