

Holiness: A Matter of the Heart

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TEXT: 1 Peter 1:15-16

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15 *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;*

16 *for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (NIV)*

2 Peter 3:11

11 *... What kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives. (NIV)*

Hebrews 12:14

14 *Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (NIV)*

1 Thessalonians 4:7

7 *For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. (NIV)*

WARNING: Sometimes our _____ have been with us so long that we are _____ to equate them with biblical _____ if we are not careful.

MAIN POINT: _____ is really a matter of the _____.

John 13:35

35 *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*
(NIV)

LETTER A: _____ is the basic _____ for Christian living.
Love for _____ and love for _____.

Matthew 22:35-39

35 *One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:*

36 *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

37 *Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’*

38 *This is the first and greatest commandment.*

39 *And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (NIV)*

LETTER B: You can _____ a lot about a person by the
_____ of their lives.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

23 *gentleness and self-control ... (NIV)*

John 15:4-5

4 *Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it*

*must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (NIV)*

LETTER C: God _____ us to be _____ His Son. That is His _____ for us. We are _____ to _____ in the steps of Christ.

Galatians 3:3

3 How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? (NLT)

There are some helps God gives us:

HELP #1: He gives us His _____ to _____ us.

John 16:13

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (NIV)

Psalms 32:8

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. (NIV)

HELP #2: He gives us His _____ to _____ us.

Psalms 119:105

105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (NIV)*

HELP #3: He gives us _____, _____ we _____.

1 John 1:9

9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)*

Galatians 6:1

1 *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently ... (NIV)*

HELP #4: He gives us Christian _____ to _____ us.

Hebrews 10:25

25 *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. The Body of Christ is to help one another, to encourage one another, to lift one another up. (NIV)*

Romans 8:12-13

12 *Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.*

13 *For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. (NLT)*

LETTER D: We live far _____ our _____ and _____ as believers.

Ephesians 4:1

1 *... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (NIV)*

Hebrews 12:14

14 *Be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (NIV)*

2 Corinthians 6:16-17

16 *... For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."*

17 *"Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord ..." (NIV)*