
The Pursuit of Holiness

Plugging into Power and Change

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I Get Focused

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,” **1 Peter 1:13-14, ESV**

I Prepare My Mind for Action

It Is Always Going to Cost to Learn

I Become Disciplined

I Set My Hope on Grace

I Become Obedient to the Word of God

My Obedience to Jesus Will Always Be Challenged
by The Passions of My Old Life

If I Will Pursue Jesus With All My Heart,
He Empowers the Change

I Pursue Holiness

“but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” **1 Peter 1:15-16, ESV**

Too Many "Christians" Practice and Hold to
The Identical Values of The World

**The Most Basic Meaning of The Word Holiness Is to Be:
Set Apart For – Dedicated To – Belonging To**

"But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." *Hebrews 8:10, NLT*

**Get the Order Right
Before I Strive to Be Good – I Get Dedicated to God**

**Before I Work on My Focus – I Have to Make a Binding Decision.
Will My Life and My Loyalty Belong to God?**

*"To Be Holy Means That All That I Am and All That I Have Belongs to God; I Freely Give It All to Him. And
That Every Aspect of My Life Is Working Toward Being Shaped and Directed Toward God"*

To Be a Christian Means to Be Surrendered to Jesus
In and Through the Holy Spirit

Holiness Also Means Moral Purity

To Be Holy Means to Pursue Purity
and To Reject All Impurity

"God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin."
1 Thessalonians 4:3, NLT

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,” *Titus 2:11–12, ESV*

The Pursuit of Holiness Sharpens My Focus to See God and
What Is Truly Important in Life