



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON Sunday, January 12, 2025

Series Title: Consecrating Ourselves to God
Lesson Title: Holiness – Set Apart for God’s Use
Key Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:15-16, Romans 12:1-2

Introduction

Holiness isn’t just a list of do’s and don’ts. It’s about conforming to Christ’s image. It is God working on us, transforming us and making us more like Him. But this is definitely going to have an **external result**. So, what is holiness going to look like in our everyday life? Let’s get into this powerful lesson and allow the Word of God to transform our lives.

What Does Holy Mean?

God instructed His people, "...You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2 NKJV).

To be holy means to be "**Set Apart**", from sin and evil and be distinct and different from the world for His purpose.

We Are Called to Live a Holy Life – Set Apart for God’s Use

2 Timothy 1:9

“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,”

Holiness is what makes us distinct. God asks us to be holy; set apart and

consecrated to Him in all manner of conduct. We are to be set apart and different and not blend with the crowd.

It's like a wedding dress – a wedding dress is carefully selected and “set apart” for a special and sacred purpose. This is not an everyday dress! You wouldn't expect to see a bride-to-be running errands in her wedding dress or lounging in the family room watching television in it.

In the same way, the Christian life is expected to be different from the ways of the world and from the ways that you lived prior to becoming a Christian. There is a higher calling on your life and you, like the wedding dress, should not be everywhere and doing everything the world does. Cursing, partying, gambling, drinking alcohol, doing drugs, one-night stands, clubbing, and other ungodly activities have no place in the life of a child of God.

What would you think if you saw a bride walking down the aisle in a filthy dress? Just imagine it – you hear the music, the doors open...and in walks the bride with a dirty dress that has stains, rips and tears in it.

That's how we look trying to have one foot in the world and the other in the Kingdom of God. He wants to use you for His purpose – and holiness is what allows the world to see the difference in your life. Living a holy life puts you in position to effectively carry out your Kingdom assignment. How can you win the world looking like the world? And we also want to make it to heaven ourselves!

Our actions should be different than the actions that characterized us before we were saved. The Bible calls these actions “the works of the flesh”.

Galatians 5:19-21

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness (immoral ways), lasciviousness (license to sin),

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft (spirit realm – roots, palm readers, tarot cards, voodoo), hatred, variance (strife/discord), emulations (copying another's activity for the sole purpose of showing them up), wrath (anger), strife, seditions (getting people together to rebel), heresies (lying),

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings (party life), and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Here is the mindset we should have: Even so, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:11 AMP). Any time we face temptation, we should say, "I'm dead to that! That was part of my old life! I am a new creation in Christ!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

What Does Holiness Look Like?

2 Corinthians 6:17

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

Holiness looks like someone who is willing to obey God and not follow the world and conduct themselves in a way that shows they are different from the worldly way of living.

How Can We Live and Stay Holy?

1. Read and study your Sunday School Lessons.
2. Make time for daily prayer.
3. Come to Sunday Worship and Word Wednesday / Wednesday Night Live.
4. Read God's Word.
5. Separate yourself from things and people that are not going in a godly direction.
6. Have the right spirit.
7. Honor your Pastors and Church Life System.
8. Receive correction with a good spirit.
9. Be strong in the Lord.

How Can God Get the Glory Out of Your Life?

A person who lives a holy life that is above sin brings glory to God. There is

nothing more pleasing to God than Him seeing you live a life of holiness.

You need to understand that God hates sin, which is why He's displeased if you are still living in sin. If you are, repent and turn away from your sinful lifestyle and start living a life of holiness that brings glory to God. If you are truly God's child, you will always want to please Him.

A Holy Life is The Best Life

John 10:10

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

Living a holy life is by far the best life you can ever live. It is the best life because it brings God's blessings and favor and most importantly prepares you for eternity so that you can spend eternity with God in heaven where you will see Him in all His glory when it is all said and done.

Holy living is also good because it leads to the fullness of joy and pleasure found only in the Lord Jesus Christ (Psalms 16:11). A holy life is also the best life because you will no longer be filled with the shame and guilt that sin brings on one's life.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT
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What Does Holy Mean?

1. **Fill in the blanks** – Leviticus 19:2 NKJV
_____ shall be _____, for I the Lord your _____ am _____.
2. **True or False (circle one)** – To be holy means to be "**Set Apart**", from sin and evil and be distinct and different from the world for His purpose.
 - a. True
 - b. False

We Are Called to Live a Holy Life

3. **Answer the question.** According to 2 Timothy 1:9, God has called us with what kind of calling?
 - a. A lowly calling
 - b. A roly poly calling
 - c. A holy calling
 - d. None of the above
4. **True or False (circle one)** – Holiness is what makes us distinct.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. **Circle the correct answer.** The _____ life is expected to be _____ from the ways of the _____ and from the ways that you lived prior to becoming a Christian.
 - a. Christian, derived, world
 - b. Christian, different, world
 - c. carefree, delivered, world
 - d. None of the above

What Does Holiness Look Like?

6. **Write the scripture.** Write out 2 Corinthians 6:17 (KJV).

How Can We Live and Stay Holy?

7. **Write the answers.** List 3 ways (from the lesson) that you can live and stay holy.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How Can God Get the Glory Out of Your Life?

8. **True or False (circle one)** – A person who lives a holy life that is above sin brings glory to God.

- a. True
- b. False

A Holy Life is the Best Life

9. **True or False (circle one)** – The party life is the best life.

- a. True
- b. False