

Holiness

1 Peter 1.16

Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but **godliness** has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4.7b-8

The outward evidence of godliness is God like character. Although it is this character that is usually thought of as godliness, God likeness in character is built upon the foundation of God-centeredness – devotion to God. To be Godlike in our character is first of all to be holy. The practice of godliness involves the pursuit of holiness.

Be holy, because I am holy. 1 Peter 1.16; Leviticus 11.44, 45; 19.2; 20.7

Hebrews 4.15; 1 John 2.1; 1 Peter 2.11; 1 Timothy 5.2; 1 John 1.8

Ephesians 4.17-5.7

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Because of the necessity of covering such a vast subject in a limited time, we need to give thought to what are the most essential elements of holiness.

We Need to Develop **CONVICTIONS** Based Upon the Truth

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4.22-24

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12.2

We Need to Make a **COMMITMENT** to Obedience

⁴ You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. Psalm 119.4-5, 105-106

We Need to Become **DISCIPLINED** in Our Choices

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age Titus 2.11-12

We Need to Be **DEPENDENT** on The Spirit

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Philippians 4.11-13

We Need a God-Centered **DESIRE**

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? Psalm 42.1-2

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