

Romans 8:6-8 (NASB) "For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

Galatians 5:17 (NASB) "For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."

Philippians 2:15 (HCSB) "Be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world."

1 John 5:19 (NLT) "We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one."

First: The CHALLENGE to be different.

1. You have been MADE NEW.

1 Peter 1:14 (MSG) "Don't lazily slip back into those old groves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourself be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

1 Peter 1:13 (MSG) "So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives."

2. Prepare yourself for a DIFFERENT JOURNEY.

1 Peter 1:17b (Msg) "You call out to God for help and he helps—he's a good Father that way. But don't forget, he's also a responsible Father, and won't let you get by with sloppy living. Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God.

1 Peter 1:13 (NASB) "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT) "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

3. God PAID THE PRICE for you.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT) "For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God."

Second: The DISCIPLINE of being different.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NASB) "Like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Christian Holiness

1. Disciplined with your **LOVE**.

1 Peter 1:22 (NLT) "You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart."

John 13:35 (NASB) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

2. Disciplined with your **MOUTH**.

1 Peter 2:1 (NLT) "So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech."

3. Disciplined with your **DESIRE** for God's Word.

1 Peter 2:2-3 (NLT) "Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB) "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

Application:

Who would you rate your level of practical holiness?

Pilot light 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Blazing with holiness

Where are you more at home?

Following the well worn path of God's principles - the path of holiness.

Walking on the fringe in the mud of the old life.

Some where in between the two.

How does your holiness show itself in the discipline of your:

Love for others.

Controlled manner of speech.

Deep thirst of the Word of God.

Have you ever accepted God precious gift of salvation purchased for you by the blood of Jesus.

How has this gift changed the way you live your life:

What has God shown you through this lesson?

What adjustments do you need to make in your life because of what God has shown you?

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 1:15 (NLT) "But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy."