Practical Holiness

KEY VERSE

“Be ye holy; for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:16

 Webster’s dictionary defines “holy” as “dedicated or set apart for the service of God; living the way that will please Him.” Holiness is very important to us for the Bible says, “follow peace with all men and Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14)

***WHAT IS HOLINESS***

1) Holiness is not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God!

2) When you were filled with the Holy Ghost (Divine Power), you became a partaker of the Divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2 Peter 1:3-5)

3) 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ creature: old things are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; behold, all things are become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

4) What does 1 Thess. 4:7 tell us we are called to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5) How did the Apostle Paul instruct people to live and admonished them to do it more and more? (1 Thess 4:1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6) We are not saved by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 2:8)

7) How do we know that our faith is alive? (James 2:26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8) How can we tell between the children of God and the children of the devil? (I John 3:9-10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9) What did Jesus tell us to look for? (READ Matt 7:18-23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10) What process does 2 Cor 3:18 say should be occurring in our lives?

 “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

 God’s divine seed has been planted within our hearts and it begins to produce the fruit of holiness in our lives. Our attitudes, affections, thinking and actions should begin to change and produce evidence that we have partaken of the divine nature of God!

***A CHANGE IN OUR ATTITUDES***

Read 2 Peter 1:1-10

1) The Apostle Peter admonishes us to diligently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our faith.

2) What are we to add? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3) “For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Vs 8)

READ Colossians 3:8-14

4) The Apostle Paul listed six things that we should put off. What are they? (Vs 8-10)

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5) The Apostle Paul listed seven things that we should put on. What are they? (Vs 12-13)

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6) What is the bond of perfectness?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Vs 14)

7) According to Galatians 5:22-23, what are the fruits of the Spirit?

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 ***A CHANGE IN OUR AFFECTIONS***

1) What should be the object of our affections? (Colossians 3:2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

READ 1 John 2:15-17

2) What two things are we told not to love? “...The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ neither the things that are in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

3) What three lusts belong to the world? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4) What will happen to the world and its lust?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5) What is promised to those who do the will of God?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***A CHANGE IN OUR THINKING***

1) Whose mind should our minds be like? (Philippians 2:5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) What does the Bible say we should be thinking on? (Philippians 4:8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3) Why is it important to think on good things? ”as a man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so is \_\_\_\_\_\_.” (Prov 23:7)

4) What are we to do with evil imaginations, philosophies, and worldly reasoning that are against God’s truth and teachings? (2 Corinthians 10:5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***A CHANGE IN OUR ACTIONS***

1) Ephesians 5:18 says, “Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess...” What should we be filled with instead?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) What does the Bible tell us to flee from? (1 Corinthians 6:18)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3) Ephesians 4:28 tells us that we should work rather than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4) What corrupts good manners? (1 Corinthians 15:33 )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5) What are we to put away for good? (Ephesians 4:25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6) READ 1 Corinthians 6:12- We must not indulge in anything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Paul said, “I will not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

7) Who are the unrighteous that cannot enter the kingdom of God? (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

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8) Why are we no longer what we used to be? (1 Corinthians 6:11)

 “And such \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some of you: but ye are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but ye are sanctified, but ye are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of our God.”

***ENEMIES OF HOLINESS***

***THE FLESH***

1) What is enmity against God? (Rom 8:5-8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) Carnal means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3) Holiness requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4) What did Paul do to keep from becoming a castaway? (1 Corinthians 9:27) “I keep under my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and bring it into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

5) What did the Apostle Peter tell us to abstain from because they war against the soul? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 2:11)

Although Holiness is just a natural process of the Divine Nature at work in our lives we must stand against the flesh attacks that would try to undermine the work of the Spirit.

***THE WORLD***

The world is also opposed to the Divine Nature.

1) Rom 12:2 says, “And be not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

2) Holiness is also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to submit to the worlds’ standards and pressures!

3) “… Know ye not that the friendship of the world is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (James 4:4)

4) 1 John 2:15 says, “Love not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, neither the things that are in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If any man love the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the love of the Father is not in him.”

***THE DEVIL***

The third thing that fights against the Divine Nature is the Devil!

1) Ephesians 4:27 says, Neither give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the devil.

2)“Be sober, be vigilant; because your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the devil, as a roaring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, walketh about, seeking whom he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:” (1 Peter 5:8)

3) What does 2 Corinthians 2:11 tell us we should not be ignorant of? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4) What does Matt 4:1-3 call the devil? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5) “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like as we are, yet without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” (Heb 4:15)

6) What does the devil become, if we give in to his temptation? (Rev 12:10)\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7) How does James 4:7 tell us to respond to the devils attacks?

 “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves therefore to God. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the devil, and he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from you.”

8) According to 1 John 4:4, why do we overcome?

 “Ye are of God, little children, and have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them: because greater is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_\_ you, than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Holiness is building walls and raising standards to protect our weaknesses from the exploitation of Satan!

***HOLINESS APPLIED***

When we begin to relate holiness to the church, it is applied in three different way.

1. ***ABSOLUTES***

An absolute is something we know pleases or displease the Lord, and it is clearly defined in scripture leaving no room for questions or arguments.

1) Absolutes are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

2) Jesus said, “If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my commandments” (John 14:15)

In other words, if you love me, you’ll desire to please me. However, if you don’t love me, my desires won’t matter to you.

1. ***STANDARDS***

A standard is a fence that a church erects to keep the enemies of holiness from exploiting God’s people! Unlike absolutes, standards are not black and white, but just as essential to the health and protection of the Church.

Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, 'Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death. Exodus 19:12 NIV

1) Standards are built upon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word.

2) “...When the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against him.” (Isa 59:19)

3) What does Heb 13:17 command us to do?

“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your souls, as they that must give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_...”

4) Who is responsible for the church?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5) When you reject God’s leader, who have you really rejected? (1 Sam 8:7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6) How much pitch was Noah commanded to use when preparing the ark? (Genesis 6:14)\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7) Standards are not erected to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, but to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us!”

1. ***PERSONAL CONVICTIONS***

A personal conviction is a fence that you erect to protect yourself against the exploitation of personal weaknesses that you know you have. The greatest strength of any Christian is a honest knowledge of his/her weaknesses, so that they can guard against and avoid those areas of potential failure. Retreat is not always surrender!

1) Everybody has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

2) The Apostle Paul said to, “… let us lay aside every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which doth so easily beset us...” (Heb 12:1)

3) How did Jesus stress the need for personal conviction? (Mark 9:43-48)

 “And if thy hand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thee, cut it off... ...And if thy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_offend thee, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it off... And if thine eye offend thee, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it out...”

Remember, personal convictions are “personal”. Don’t get upset because somebody else can make it to heaven with something you’ve had to remove.

4) Don’t violate your conscience, you might be rebelling against conviction and Rom 14:23 says that “whatsoever is not of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**HOW TO STAY AND GROW IN HOLINESS**

A. Watch and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 26:41

B. It is a \_\_\_ that I have chosen… Isaiah 58:5

C. Put on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God… Ephesians 6:11-18