

HOLINESS

Worth It – Living The Worthy Life – Part 2
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“Make every effort ... **to be holy**; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”

Heb. 12:14 (NIV)

Q: What is “Holiness”?

- **Holiness** is the condition or the state of being “**set apart**”, being “**removed**” from all that is common.
- To be **Unholy** is to be **just the same** as everyone else.
- Holiness isn’t about being a spiritual **superstar**, it’s about being an active member of **God’s team**.

Holiness and Happiness Are **NOT** Mutually Exclusive.

Trying to be happy won’t make you holy,
but Holiness **will bring** happiness.

Happiness belongs to those who...

- Take **refuge** in the Lord. (Ps. 2:12)
- Have their **sins forgiven**. (Ps. 32:1)
- Live in a nation **whose God** is the Lord. (Ps. 33:12)
- **Care** for the poor. (Ps. 41:1)
- Live with and praise **God**. (Ps. 84:4)
- **Trust** in the Lord. (Ps. 84:12)
- **Fear** the Lord. (Ps. 112:1)

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

1Peter 1:15-16 (ESV)

“...we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling,”

2Thess. 1:11 (NIV)

To Be Worthy of His Calling To Holiness, I Must...

1. Prepare my mind for Action.

“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**.”

1Pet. 1:13 (ESV)

Q: Is my mind prepared for action? (circle one)

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| • Do I think about that day? | YES | NO |
| • Am I living now FOR that day? | YES | NO |

2. Put away my old life.

“As obedient children, **do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance**,¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**,¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

1Pet. 1:14-16 (ESV)

“For **the grace of God has appeared**, bringing salvation for all people,¹² **training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age**,¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and **to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works**.”

Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

3. Proclaim the excellencies of my King.

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, a people for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

1Pet. 2:9-10 (ESV)