

# Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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1 Peter 4:1 – 11

Instructions for Striving After Holiness, Part 3

## Main Idea:

Life in this present fallen world can be difficult for us as disciples of Jesus. The enemy's snares and the hostility of the unbelieving can distract us and impede our pursuit of holiness. But in Christ, we're able to overcome these challenges as we arm ourselves with the necessary perspectives, commitments and priorities for engaging in spiritual combat.

## Outline:

To strive after holiness successfully as Christians, we must arm ourselves with:

1. The right mindset – dead to sin and alive in Christ (v.v. 1 -2)
2. The right expectation – persecution (v.v. 3 – 4)
3. The right understanding of God's character (v.v. 5 – 6)
4. The right anticipation – Jesus coming again (v.v. 7)
5. The right attitude – love (v.v. 8 -9)
6. The right commitment – faithful service (v.v. 10 – 11)

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 In John 13:34, Jesus called His disciples to love one another with “agape” love, and Peter issued the same demand in 1 Peter 4:8. What are the unique characteristics of agape love?

How does agape love authenticate the Christian’s professed faith in Jesus?

#2 What is the connection between love and forgiveness?

#3 In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that as a Christian, if you love well, you will forgive well. Do you agree? Why?

#4 Does an unwillingness to forgive a repentant brother indicate a deficit of love? Why?

#5 What kind of Christians receive spiritual gifts?

#6 According to Peter, how are we to use our gifts (4:10)?