



Pursuit of Holiness - Part 3 - Walking in Holiness
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¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." ¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. - 1 Peter 1:15-17

OBSTACLES TO WALKING IN HOLINESS

- **The desire to FIT IN.**
- **The struggle with SIN.**

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.
- Romans 7:15,18-19

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! - Romans 7:21-25

- **Walking in holiness involves both a STARTING POINT and a PROCESS.**

WALKING IN HOLINESS

1) Our HEART.

But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.
- Matthew 5:48

2) Our WORDS.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. - Ephesians 4:29

3) Our THOUGHTS.

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.
- Psalm 119:9

4) Our BODIES.

¹⁹ Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:7

- **Remember the GRACE of Jesus!**

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. - Philippians 3:12-14