

## Sanctification II

### The Danger of Instant Gratification

**\*\*\*1 Thessalonians 4:4-5 (NASB 2020)** ...that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God:

**Hebrews 12:14 (NASB 2020)** Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

**Holiness:** 38. ἁγιασμός hagiastosmos; from 37; holiness, consecration, sanctification:

**1 Peter 1:15-16 (NASB 2020)** but 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."

#### I. The Suffering of Sanctification

**Hebrews 12:4-6 (NASB 2020)** You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE PUNISHED BY HIM; FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE PUNISHES EVERY SON WHOM HE ACCEPTS."

**Hebrews 12:8 (NASB 2020)** But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

**Hebrews 12:10 (NASB 2020)** For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

**Hebrews 12:11 (NASB 2020)** For the moment, all discipline seems not to be pleasant, but painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

**Righteousness:** g1343. δικαιοσύνη dikaiosynē; from 1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: — righteousness.

**Hebrews 12:14 (NASB 2020)** Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

**1 Peter 1:6-7 (NASB95)** In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ:

#### II. What BLESSINGS are you giving up for the FLESH?

**Hebrews 12:17 (NASB 2020)** For you know that even afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

**Genesis 25:32-34 (ESV)** Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

It is the greatest folly to part with our interest in God, and Christ, and heaven, for the riches, honors, and pleasures of this world; it is as bad a bargain as his who sold a birth-right for a dish of pottage.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (ESV)** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**Romans 8:18 (NASB95)** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**Glory:** 1391. δόξα doxa; related to 1380; approval, praise, honor, glory:

**Galatians 6:7-9 (NASB 2020)** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.

#### III. You can win the battle of saying NO to the flesh

**James 4:7-10 (ESV)** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**1 Peter 5:8-7 (NASB95)** Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

**Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**John 15:4-5 (NKJV)** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.