

## Day 24: Holiness ~ Live Holy

Just because we can, does not mean we always should. This is a great motto to live by. Just because I can do something does not mean it is beneficial to my spiritual health. There are times I want to binge watch television after a long ministry trip. However, sometimes I sense the Spirit beaoning me to come just sit with Him. If I choose television over Him is it a sin? I do not think so. However, it is not the best choice for me.

Paul dives into this subject in 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup> No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. <sup>25</sup> Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, <sup>26</sup> for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” <sup>27</sup> If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. <sup>28</sup> But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. <sup>29</sup> I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another’s conscience? <sup>30</sup> If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? <sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— <sup>33</sup> even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.”

There are three reasons we need to focus on living holy from these scriptures. First, things can become strongholds. It may not begin as sin, but can turn into sin and even bind us. Second, our behavior may not build up fellow Christians and may even cause others to stumble. Lastly, we are to promote the good of others and not ourselves. Everything we do should be to the glory of God.

Hebrews 12:14, “Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”

## Day 24 Worksheet

Have you invited the Holy Spirit to search every area of your life? If yes, when and how did you accomplish this? If not, what has prevented you from this?

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Do you understand that unbelievers are watching you as a follower of Christ? Do your actions, behaviors, and attitudes reflect a godly character? If yes, how? If not, is this thought new to you? Explain.

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Are there any behaviors or attitudes that need to be refined for you to reflect Jesus to others? What are they?

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Have you tried to change yourself and you have been unable? What two action steps can you take today to reflect the character of Christ through the help of the Holy Spirit?

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