

HOW TO BE YOUR AUTHENTIC SELF:

Powerful Strategies
to Be True



**BE TRUE TO
YOURSELF**



'Cause I got a couple dents in my fender
Got a couple rips in my jeans
Try to fit the pieces together
But perfection is my enemy
An' on my own I'm so clumsy
But on your shoulders I can see
I'm free to be me

Lyrics from *Free To Be Me*



GOD IS

God is Holy

1. God is holy and we are not
2. Why is that a problem?
3. What is God's solution?

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God Is Holy & We Are Not

Holy = set apart, distinct

“It covers all aspects of his transcendent greatness and moral perfection and thus is an attribute of all his attributes, pointing to the ‘Godness’ of God at every point. Every facet of God’s nature and every aspect of his character may properly be spoken of as holy, just because it is his.”

J.I. Packer, Concise Theology

Core Aspect: God’s perfect moral purity

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In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”
Isaiah 6:1-3 (ESV)

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And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Isaiah 6:4-5 (ESV)

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Isaiah 64:6

GOD IS _____.

Why Is That A Problem?

Holiness is Necessary... For Bearing His Image

God created us in his image so that we would display or reflect or communicate who he is, how great he is, and what he is like.

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Jesus in Matthew 4:48

Strive for peace with everyone,
and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

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Why Is That A Problem?

Holiness is Necessary... For A Right Relationship With God

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 John 1:5b-6

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21

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Holiness is God's Good Will For Us

For this is the will of God, your sanctification...

1 Thessalonians 4:3a

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“How little people know who think that holiness is dull.
When one meets the real thing, it is irresistible”

C.S. Lewis, Letters to an American Lady

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Jesus in John 10:10

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Why Is God's Solution?

He Makes Us Holy (Definitive Sanctification)

And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:10,14



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Why Is God's Solution?

He Causes Us To Grow In Holiness (Progressive Sanctification)

...*to put off your old self*, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, *and to put on the new self*, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24



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For this very reason, *make every effort to supplement your faith with* virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

2 Peter 1:5-7



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1. Remind Ourselves of Who (Whose) We Are

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? *You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.* So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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2. Walk By The Spirit

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3. Rely on God's Word As a Guide

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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4. Worship Regularly With Others

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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5. Learn from Godly Examples

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

So I exhort the elders among you... not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

2 Peter 5:1-3

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6. Practice Confession and Repentance Daily

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

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“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said ‘Repent,’ he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance.”

Martin Luther, 95 Theses

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If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Matthew 5:29-30

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He makes us who he declares us to be!

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