

living in holiness

1 Thessalonians 4:7

As those made in God's image and indwell by God's Spirit, we are to reflect him in purity, goodness, mercy, and holiness.

I. Why Are We to Pursue Holiness?

A. Because the _____
(Isa 6:3; 1 Pet 1:15).

1. We are to be _____.

To be conformed to him we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

2. We are to be _____.

The church is to be producing saints who are learning how to be radically different from the culture they live in.

B. Because holiness _____
(Eph 1:4; 5:27; 2 Tim 1:9).

In 1 Thes. 4:1 Paul "**urges**" a manner of life ("**walk**") that requires _____.

II. How Are We to Lead Holy Lives?

Holiness is the work of God in us now and the prayer of every true believer.

A. By being _____.

1. This includes but is not limited to sins of the body.

A holy life testifies to the power of God; an unholy life gives an inaccurate picture of God and the believer.

2. This involves a guarding against lusts (1 Thess 4:3–8).

“Abstain” means _____.

Sexual sin is serious because it involves stealing from someone and disregarding God’s clear will!

- B. By growing _____.

Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit—

PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE

The Holy Spirit through the Holy Scriptures is God’s instrument to make us holy (John 17:17).