

BACK TO SCHOOL

The Challenge of Youth in the 21st Century

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Similar people go to the same places and do the same things together.

1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

- Holiness is freedom from all SIN.
- Holiness is complete PURITY.
- Holiness is important for FELLOWSHIP with God
- Holiness is important for EFFECTIVE SERVICE to God.

Holiness is important for our ASSURANCE of salvation

"Both justification and sanctification are a work of a moment and the work of a life time."

George Knight, <u>I Used to be Perfect</u>





1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive [justification] us our sins, and to cleanse [sanctification] us from all unrighteousness.

- Holiness demands faithfulness to one's spouse because marriage is holy.
- Holiness demands faithfulness to one's returning of tithe and offerings because the tithe is holy
- Holiness demands obedience to God's 10 commandments because the Law is holy
- Holiness demands acceptance of the 7th day Sabbath because the Sabbath day is a holy day



Holiness is a choice!





1 Peter 1:13

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind...

Prayer is not essential Bible study is boring The youth are not caring The meek and quiet spirit that Peter talked about is not practiced.

1 Peter 1:13

... alert and think straight. Put all your hope in how kind God will be to you when Jesus Christ appears. CEV

It is the spirit of obedience that gives you the impetus to move forward It is the spirit of obedience that keeps you away from what defined you in the past.



1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: (KJV)

1 Peter 1:14 Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. (Message Bible)

1 John 2:16

For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

THE LUST OF THE FLESH

The lust of the flesh is seen in the Christian who still drinks liquor The preacher who still smokes The youth who is immoral



Captain Morgan

LUST OF THE EYES

Dishonesty Jealousy Curiosity

Proverbs 27:20

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.





Always trying to put on a show Extravagant Pretentious

1 John 2:17

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.







"Every one that begets, begets an offspring resembling himself. Let the acts of the offspring indicate similarity to the Father."

Augustine



And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

- Choose our friends wisely
- Be careful where we go and who we go out with
- Take a good look at our wardrobes and remove that which encourages un holiness
- Use discretion when reading books, listening to music or watching television
- Be alert to that which endangers spiritually
- Exercise self control
- Walk in the fear of God

God will never ask us to do what he knows we cannot do!

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How we keep the Sabbath. It is not faithfulness to church duties. It is not in a diet. It is not returning tithes

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I declare therefore, that if we must be holy as God is, we must change our attitude towards: GOD THE CHURCH HOLY BIRLS THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE



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