



A Call to Holiness

1 Peter 1:13-16

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to “prepare your minds for action?” Where is the battle for holiness in the life of a Christian won or lost? Are your minds prepared? How to ensure that we are winning the battle in our minds?
2. How can you keep sober-minded or disciplined?
3. Define holiness. Why does it matter to God that we be holy?
4. What is our motivation supposed to be for being holy?
How does Christ’ sacrifice motivate you to holiness?
5. What changes to your life will you make to demonstrate the holiness of God in you?



1 Peter 1:13-16 (ESV)

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:13-16 Paraphrase

Always be ready for godly action, staying disciplined, and focusing on the hope of **Jesus'** return. This way you will receive your reward when He comes again. (So) Do not return to your past evil passions and desires. Then you were ignorant. But now that you know, be obedient children. Rise up to His call for holy passion, a life He has set apart for you to be like Him. For He said, "I am holy, you be holy."

The Holiness of God

1. Our God is like no other

I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God. Isaiah 45:5 (ESV)

2. Our God is free of sin

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. James 1:13 (ESV)

3. Our God is incomparable

"... for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way." Daniel 3:29 (ESV)

A set-apart God, holy and pure, beyond compare!



The Call To Holiness

1. The Call of God (1 Peter 1:14-15a)
2. The Conduct of Holiness (1 Peter 1:15b-16)
3. The Challenges To Pursuing Holiness (1 Peter 1:13)

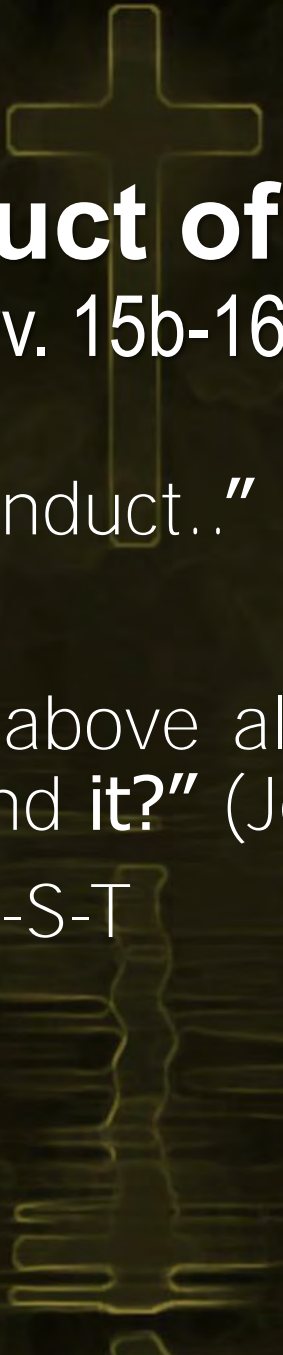
The Call of God

(vv. 14-15a)

- "...he who called you is holy..."
- God calls us into his family (v 14.... children)
- God calls his children to holiness (v15a)
- **God's** call includes privileges and responsibilities
- The responsibilities are to hear His Word and obey Him, and reflect His holiness unto the world (be like Him)
- So that the world may know that we come from Him

Like Father Like Son





The Conduct of Holiness

(vv. 15b-16)

- "...be holy in all your conduct.." (v15b)
- The Paradox of Life
- **"The** heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand **it?"** (Jeremiah 17:9)
- Conduct? Think C-H-R-I-S-T

Excerpts from 'The Paradox of Life'

by Bob Moorehead

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers; wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We spend more but have less; we buy more but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences but less time. We have more degrees but less sense; more knowledge but less judgment; more experts but more problems; more medicine but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little of God's Word, watch TV too much, fast too rarely, give too little, and pray too seldom.

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We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things but not better things. We've cleaned up the air but polluted the soul. We've split the atom but not our prejudice. We write more but learn less. We plan more but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush but not to wait. We have higher incomes but lower morals... We build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever but have less communication. We've become long on quantity but short on quality...

C-H-R-I-S-T Holy Conduct

Compassion

Being moved in the 'gut' to do whatever is necessary to meet the needs of people without expecting anything in return.

(Proverbs 31:10; 1 Peter 3:8; Mark 1:40-41)

Humility

A person who is free from pride or arrogance. "It is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less" (Rick Warren).

(Proverbs 16:19; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Philippians 2:5-8)

Righteousness

Living by and conforming to all of God's commands in His Word and His daily directions through prayer. Having a right relationship with God and doing right in Him

(Psalm 11:7; Proverbs 21:3; 1 John 2:29)

C-H-R-I-S-T Holy Conduct

Integrity

Maintaining moral purity and soundness of mind so God's character may be displayed in all dealings with others. People of integrity walk in purity.
(Proverbs 20:7; 1 Peter 2:12; 3 John 12)

Submissiveness

An inward attitude of voluntarily yielding to the authority of another.
(Joshua 1:16; Ephesians 5:22; Hebrews 13:17)

Temperate

Not being extreme in any way.
(Proverbs 16:32; 23:21; 1 Timothy 3:11)

The Challenges to Pursuing Holiness

(v. 13)

- **“Therefore, preparing** your minds for action,... **being** sober-minded, set your hope fully on the **grace...**” (v13)
- Therefore: Because believers have a living hope in Jesus Christ and an inheritance in heaven that can never perish, spoil or fade, Peter exhorts his listeners not to give up and so prove that their faith is genuine (1 Peter 1:3-12).
- So prepare your minds for godly action, be disciplined, **persevere, stay focused on the hope of Jesus’ sure return**
- To prepare for action, consider the 5 Ds...

THE 5 Ds of Preparedness

Delight in God's Word

(Psalm 1:1-3; 119:18; 119:103)

Declare God's promises

(Deut. 31:8; 2 Sam. 7:28; Psalm 100:5, 145:9; Isaiah 26:3; Eph. 3:20-21)

Deepen your relationship with God: spiritual disciplines

(Acts 1:14; 1 Thess. 5:17-18; Mt. 20:28)

Devote to the company of the saints

(Acts 2:42, 46-47; Hebrews 10:25)

Do what is right in God's sight

(Proverbs 21:2-3; Matthew 5:16; James 4:17)

Isaiah 35:8 ESV

And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

THE LORD WILL HOLD YOU CLOSE TO HIM!



Prayer & Response

Would you commit to live a life of holiness for the glory of God?

Would you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and enter into a life of abundance and holiness with Him?