Holiness – Part 2
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I. Introduction.

    A. There are seven practical principles for holiness.

II. Convictions.

    A. We must get our convictions out of the Bible. (Ephesians 4:45; 2 Timothy 3:16)

        1. The Bible is useful for teaching us.

        2. It is useful for reproving.

        3. It is useful for correcting.

        4. The Bible trains us.

    B. A conviction is a strong persuasion combined with being convicted. (Romans 13:7)

III. Commitment.

    A. We must make a commitment not to sin.

    B. We must resolve ourselves to make certain commitments in specific temptation as well. (Psalm 119:59-60; 1 John 2:1; Psalm 119:4; Daniel 1; Job 31:1; Romans 8:13)

IV. Choices.

    A. Grace teaches us to say no to worldly passions. (Titus 2:11-12)

    B. We are to put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit. We must be unsparing with sin. (Hebrews 11; Romans 8:13; Matthew 10:21; 27:1)

V. Constantly.

    A. Our choices have to be made constantly.

    B. There is fruit in making these choices constantly: we train ourselves. (Hebrews 5:14; 1 Timothy 4:7)

    C. It is possible to train ourselves in every direction. (2 Peter 2:14)

    D. You can change. (1 Corinthians 6:11)

    E. You are going to be what you are now becoming.

    F. Discipline requires perseverance. (Hebrews 12:15)

G. Discipline is necessary because there will be discouragement and failure. (Hebrews 12:12; Galatians 2; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:1)

V. Continue. All training is first characterized by failure. (Proverbs 24:16)

VI. Come to the throne of grace. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

A. God gives us grace in time of need.

B. Holiness is a joint venture with God—it is 100% us and 100% God.

VII. Inner compulsion.

A. The love of Christ must compel us. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

B. Holiness begins with God. (Genesis 39; Revelation 4:11)

Application questions:

1. How will you go about gaining and affirming your convictions this week?
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2. What are some wrong ways to go about growing in holiness?
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3. Why does our motivation matter when we are considering holiness? Explain.
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