

Pursue Holiness

Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)

14 Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

A Definition of Holiness: Holiness in its simplest form means to consecrate or dedicate to God. A two part definition would be to separate from the world and to consecrate or dedicate to God.

Aspect #1: Holiness can be attributed to an inanimate object – to a non-living object—

Aspect #2: If a man dedicates something as holy, the man can un-dedicated it or redeemed it—at a price, if God allows.

Aspect #3: Just because something can be sanctified or dedicated by a man as holy, that does not mean it is morally or ethically clean

Lesson #1: When God tells us to pursue holiness, to dedicate and separate ourselves as Holy to God—it is not small matter. ...And it does not mean we are morally or perfectly clean.

Aspect #4: People can be made holy for a specific purpose and God will recognize/respect holiness in individuals. The commitment to holiness, the dedication of one to the Lord, the pursuit of holiness is a very serious matter.

Lesson #2: Just because you are holy, called, set apart, consecrated for a special work does not mean you can do whatever you want. Holiness comes with great responsibility and dire consequences.

Lesson #3: When you know and understand that God has made something holy, you best respect it.

Lesson #4: At baptism, we made a commitment to pursue holiness. We were consecrated, dedicated, made holy to be committed to a work before God. That is a serious calling.

Aspect #5: When God dedicates, consecrates something as holy (dedicated to God—consecrated to himself), MAN can choose to ignore it or follow it, but MAN cannot, of himself, redeem or make it un-holy or not dedicated to God. When GOD says it is holy, it is holy!

Lesson #5: What God makes or declares as holy, man cannot make un-holy.

Aspect #6: If God says something can be redeemed by man, then it can be redeemed—otherwise, it is still holy.

Aspect #7: To be called a saint is to be a pursuer of holiness.

Lesson #5: If we want to see the Lord, we must be pursuers of holiness! But even now, in the flesh with all of our foibles and failings, God considers us, God calls us, Saints. We are not going to be perfect until we are raised incorruptible, immortal, perfect spirit beings.

Aspect #8: God is Holy— and in the future we shall be Holy as He is.

Lesson #7: Saints of Gods....Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: **Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)**