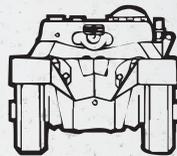


HOW TO BE HOLY WITHOUT LIVING IN A HOLE



WARM UP

Jesus spoke of salvation as a “new birth” where a supernatural work of God puts to death an old nature and the Holy Spirit, bringing God’s divine nature, is implanted within the believer.

The believer’s entire life is influenced by actions, attitudes, words, affections, thoughts, and all this while surrounded in a world sick with sin. The word “holy” has very little relevance to the majority of the world’s inhabitants.



READ 2 Corinthians 5:17



QUESTIONS

Discuss the following questions and talk about practical solutions:

1. Holy in thoughts – *Matthew 15:19*

2. Holy in words – *James 3:6-8*

BACKGROUND

Holiness has both a positive as well as a negative aspect. As believers we are not only to refrain from acts of wilful sin, but we are also to undertake daily acts that are righteous, displaying our love for God and giving an indication that He holds the steering wheel of our lives.

3. Holy in deeds – *Matthew 5:16*

4. Read *Romans 12:1-2* and discuss five issues that would indicate if you are “conforming” to this world. Now as a “transformed” person, how do you approach the same issues?



IT’S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will go through this week’s TV guide and tick what I could watch, and cross out what I know would be feeding my “old nature”. (I don’t think you will find many ticks!)



CONSIDER THIS

It is better to establish your own convictions on issues concerning holiness and good and evil, rather than depend on someone else’s criteria that could well differ from yours.



WRAP UP

If you want to maintain holiness in your life, remember it starts in the mind. “Ouch, does that mean I have to be careful what I read in magazines and watch on TV?” Yep!!