

HOLINESS (5)

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HEBREWS 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord

LEVITICUS 11:45 For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**

- *Recap: last week we discussed a definition of holiness, that holiness means facing our toughest crisis of faith, and overcoming it.*
- This week, we'll consider the concept, that **HOLINESS MEANS LIVING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

(NKJV) pray without ceasing

(MSG) pray all the time

(NLTSE) Never stop praying.

- Prayer is more a case of being with someone, than it is a case of doing something
- Prayer is not necessarily doing something but rather it's mindset or attitude
- Holiness is living in the realization that Jesus Christ lives inside you:

COLOSSIANS 1:27(MSG) God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: **Christ is in you**, therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our message.

JOHN 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him

JOHN 15:1-8 (MSG)

- The secret of praying is praying in secret:

MATTHEW 6:1-8

- Prayerfulness will keep the world out of us

CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How is it possible to pray without stopping? What practical implications, does this have on daily living?
2. Discuss the things that you think God sees in secret, according to Matthew 6:6 and how these things relate to holiness. (here's a clue: "issues of the heart")
3. How does being "seated with Christ in heavenly places" (see Ephesians 2:6) change the way you pray about things?