

A Bible Study Lesson of The Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

A Call to Holy Living Part 3

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Introduction: This final lesson in the call to holiness centers on the growth to holiness. Our development as Christian disciples requires us to follow patterns of holiness and 2 Peter 1 is a suitable place to begin. The intent of this lesson is to ensure that we do not see holiness as a destination. It is, however, a direction on which we can focus. With consistent work and with time (remember sanctification) we will be more holy tomorrow than we were yesterday. This only occurs if we are intentional.

As we learn what it means to be holy, we come to realize that *being* and *doing* go hand in hand. Therefore, it is necessary for us to know what and how to do. The following lesson was written with the intent to help us know what to do and to push us to be more than just hearers of the word. By the end of this lesson, students will have a framework of behaviors they can follow as a beginning. Enjoy!

Truth # 1 If you Do Not Have a Thirst for God's Word You Will Not Grow in Holiness

How does this work? There are two steps!

Step 1: You and I must be disciples!

Definition of Disciple=Learner, One who desires to learn, a pupil, a student

Matthew 5:6 ESV

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Hebrews 6:1 ESV

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

1 Peter 2:2 ESV

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—

2 Peter 3:18 ESV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

What does this mean for you on a daily basis? To follow the above verses, what must you do?

1. When will you do it? If you never start, when will you start?
2. What will keep you consistent? Bible app, accountability partner, journaling?
3. If you have already started, what is your next level of growth in the learn and do process?

Step 2: You and I Must Be Disciple Makers

Great Commission—Each gospel calls for us to do the work of a disciple maker. That the Great Commission is in all four gospels indicates the importance that the gospel writers placed on these statements by Jesus. They all intend for us to know that being discipled and discipling others is important. The question that arises from this fact is WHY?

Where is the Great Commission found in the Bible?

- Matthew 28: 19-20
- Mark 16: 15-16
- Luke 24: 47
- John 20: 19-20



1. *Discipling* is the act of teaching a skill to someone. What skills are taught to Christian followers? How do we know if one has learned the skills?

The command to disciple is clear but what is the outcome of discipling people?

Truth # 2: Discipleship is a life-long endeavor



Key Verse: 2 Peter 1: 1-11

Holy Characteristic	Meaning
Faith	Knowledge and understanding and acceptance
Virtue	Moral Excellence
Knowledge	Discernment of God’s will
Temperance/ Self Control	Control of earthly lusts and desires
Patience	Patient endurance of hardship—carry a load for a long time
Godliness	Devout practice of behavior
Brotherly Kindness	Generosity and courtesy
Charity/ Love	Love on for another and to non-believers

These characteristics when developed or cultivated lead to holy living. It is no coincidence that the list here in 2 Peter 1 has similarity to Paul’s list of the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23 love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). All of the Biblical mandates are to help us to live as Godly people. We are to live holy lives for a holy God!

Question to consider: Why do you think many people do not grow in their holiness?