

I. Holy living is living to please God

A. We please God when we live according to his word

B. We please God when we grow in our desire to please him

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’ (Matthew 3:17)

C. We please God when we live under the authority of Jesus

II. Holy living is the will of God for us

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.” (Ephesians 1:4)

A. Holy living avoids all sexual immorality

“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, or of greed, because they are improper for God’s holy people.” (Ephesians 5:3)

B. Holy living honors God with our body

“Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” (I Corinthians 6:19)

C. Holy living rejects the lustful temptations

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matthew 5:27-28)

“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.” (I Peter 2:11)

III. Motivations for holy living

A. We know that sexual immorality will be punished

“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders.” (I Corinthians 6:9)

B. We know that God calls us to a life of purity

C. We know that rejecting God’s instructions is rejecting God

D. We know that the Holy Spirit will help us live a holy life

“The one who sent me is with me, he had not left me alone, for I always do what please him.” (John 8:29)

IV. Holy living is a life of love

A. Holy living will lead us to love others as family

B. Holy living will result in sacrificial love for others

C. Holy living will inspire us to grow in our love

V. Holy living will result in a good witness to the world

A. We will live in peace with God and others

B. We will mind our own business

C. We will work to provide for our own needs