

# Perfecting Holiness

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**Key Verse:** 2 Corinthians 7:1 NKJV ~ “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

**2 Corinthians 7:1 (AMP)** “Therefore, since we have these [great and wonderful] promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, completing holiness [living a consecrated life—a life set apart for God’s purpose] in the fear of God.”

## The Promises of God

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit!

- Live with us
- Walk with us
- Be our Father

**2 Corinthians 6:16-18 NKJV** ~ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will dwell in them  
And walk among *them*.  
I will be their God,  
And they shall be My people.”

<sup>17</sup> Therefore

“Come out from among them  
And be separate, says the Lord.  
Do not touch what is unclean,  
And I will receive you.”

<sup>18</sup> “I will be a Father to you,  
And you shall be My sons and daughters,  
Says the Lord Almighty.”

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17 NKJV** ~ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

**1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV** ~ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

**Leviticus 26:12 NKJV** ~ I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

**Ezekiel 37:27 NKJV** ~ My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people

**Isaiah 52:11 NKJV** ~ Depart! Depart! Go out from there,  
Touch no unclean *thing*;  
Go out from the midst of her,  
Be clean,  
You who bear the vessels of the Lord.

**2 Samuel 7:14 NKJV** ~ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.

## **Cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates the body and spirit**

**2 Corinthians 7:1 NKJV** ~ “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

**2 Corinthians 6:14 NKJV** ~ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. “I will dwell in them And walk among *them*. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”

Paul uses opposites to bring us a better picture of living a life that is set apart.

### There are two groups of people

- People that think they are Holy and are better than everyone
- People who give up on Holiness because they keep messing up

The second group of people make the mistake of throwing in the towel when they sin. Repent and get back on track!

People love the topic of holiness and think that they are better off than others. Stop comparing yourselves with everyone else and be repentant for being judgmental, critical, and legalistic.

## **Perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord**

How do we perfect Holiness?

- In our thinking
- In our attitudes
- In our repentance

**Closing thought:** We are the temple of the Living God. The God, who promises to live in us, walk with us, and to be our Father. He is Holy and has called us to be holy, set apart, and consecrated. Perfecting holiness begins in a relationship with the Father. Ask yourself, why are the promises of God so important and how will perfect holiness be expressed in your life?