

**Spiritual How-to's -
How to Please the Lord
Being set apart
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In these video lessons we share brief, bite-sized, Bible basics on how you can please the Lord.

Today's topic – Being set apart –Sanctification.

Into.: We've talked in **recent videos** about being filled and walking in the Spirit, and understanding the full measure of the power of grace in our lives.

All those principles are related to seeing yourself as God does, set apart for Him.

Scripture calls that being sanctified or the process of sanctification.

I. **In John 17:19** - Jesus asked his Father to keep you from the evil one. The he said, "**Sanctify them** in the truth, your word is truth."

A. The connection is clear, being sanctified will keep us from the evil one.

B. **What then is it** to be "sanctified"?

1. **Sanctify**/dictionary – "to set apart for a sacred purpose or religious use – to consecrate. To free from sin – to purify. To impart sacredness, inviolability or respect."

2. **Sanctification**/dictionary – "the state of growing in divine grace as a result of Christian commitment."

3. We see grace at work with our commitment to grow in relationship that is empowered by being sanctified.

4. The work of the Holy Spirit in us sets us apart for God's use & purposes. It purifies us and imparts a sacredness to our lives.

5. God sees us as His and desires to make us like Him – **holy**.

C. **The NT meaning of sanctify is** "purification, purify, purifier. **TF to be made holy**, consecrate. Sacred, morally pure, blameless, upright in heart & life."

D. **2 Tim. 2:20-21 – teaches us that we, as vessels of honor** are set apart as holy & useful for the Master's use.

1. We can be vessels of honor, if we are set apart

2. Or vessels of dishonor

II. **Holiness is a scary word.**

A. We have a **bad image** of what a holy person is and what they convey.

1. Judgment, weird, out of touch, religious freak

2. We think holiness is unattainable, impossible to achieve

3. Holiness is no fun!

- B. Yet, **God said over and over**, “Be holy as I am holy.” Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:36; 1 Pet. 1:16; Lev. 20:7; 1 Pet. 1:15; Lev. 21:8; Deut. 23:14
- C. The whole OT was about holiness and how to be holy before a holy God.
Ex. 29:43; 31:13; Lev. 21:8
- D. There’s a whole book about what the holy people of God should do. Leviticus
- E. The **priests in the temple**, the sacrifices, the clothes, the traditions & all the laws were an attempt to sanctify God’s people and make them like Him.
- E. **WHY?** I will get to that, I promise. And it is very exciting! Stay with me.
- G. Yet, **we have been called to be holy**, as God is holy.
 1. So that means we are in a state of constant purification. We are being purified by the Word of truth.
 2. That is the work of sanctification.

III. Sanctification is the act of the Spirit training us to be godly. Like God, holy.

- A. **Paul tells Timothy that training in godliness is of value** in this life & the life to come
1 Tim. 4:7
 1. He says to keep yourself pure. We do this when we allow the Holy Spirit to make us holy.
 2. We are to pursue godliness 1 Tim. 6:11
 3. And to be holy in all of our conduct 1 Pet. 1:14
 4. As we obey the truth, we are purifying our souls 1 Pet. 1:22
 5. Not just a form of godliness, but denying the power of holiness 2 Tim. 3:5
Professing to know God, but denying him by our works Tit. 1:16
 6. We are being built up as a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession
1 Pet. 2:5,9
 7. Because of our devotion and consecration to the Lord and the work of purification in us, we abstain from passions of the flesh 2 Thes. 2:14
 - a. Not because of some list of do’s & don’ts
 - b. But there is a GOAL for it all**
 - c. it says, “SO THAT YOU MAY...”**

IV. What’s the goal, the reason, the purpose for being holy, sanctified, set apart to the Lord???

- A. So that you **MAY OBTAIN THE GLORY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**. 2 Thes. 2:14
 1. The goal is for us to be like our Father. 2 Cor. 3:18
 2. As we see Him, we are changed to be like Him
 3. and share in His glory!
 4. We are changed from glory to glory until one day we will share in His glory
Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 5:10; Jn. 17:22; Heb. 2:10
- B. We are being sanctified, purified, readied to BE CHRIST’S BRIDE!** Eph. 5:25-27

THIS IS AMAZING!

1. You are being purified, I am being purified – made holy, because we have been chosen to be the bride of Jesus!
2. God is getting us ready for His Son's wedding day.
 - a. The day He comes back to Earth
 - b. To receive His bride and take her off to heaven for eternity.

C. Therefore we must be like Him, holy, sanctified, honorable, & set apart as His.

Tit. 2:11-14

1. Without spot, wrinkle or blemish
2. A bride presented to Jesus, His own possession

D. Our sanctification is not a **buzz kill to our life. It is a gift to prepare us for our marriage to Jesus.**

1. You have been chosen to be His
2. That is why we are set apart, because we see the bigger & final picture
3. We see ourselves as The Bride, the Wife of the Lamb. Rev. 21:9

E. There is no greater purpose, honor, than to share in the glory of Jesus Christ as His bride.

1. That is why I submit to his sanctification, purification in my life
2. I want to be a vessel of honor for my Jesus when He comes back.
3. **EXAMPLE** – I am married to Dennis. Set apart only for him & therefore don't flirt or mess around with others.
 - a. The engagement ring was a promise to be committed to him in all my conduct
 - b. the marriage vows sealed it
 - c. The Holy Spirit engaged you at salvation, as you committed to belong to Jesus
 - d. Since then, as His set apart one, He has been purifying you & is seeking even more of you. Anticipating His eternal union with you.
 - e. Until you are like Him in all of His glory

V. I charge you to be sanctified, live as one who is set apart for a sacred purpose.

* **To become the bride** of Jesus Christ at His return & **obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.** 2 Thes. 2:14

* **It is that goal** that motivates us to be sanctified, wholly, set apart for Jesus.

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