

Holy and Useful 2 Timothy 2:20-26

Holiness makes us useful to God. We are commanded to run away from sin and pursue the righteousness of God, because pursuing holiness allows us to more effectively share the gospel and make disciples. Does your life reflect the righteous character of God?

“Holiness is to be separated from sin and, therefore, consecrated to God.” Jerry Bridges

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy on who called you, be holy yourselves in all your behavior because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:14-16

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- Pursue holiness (20-22).
 - Run away from sin.
 - Chase after righteousness.
- Prepare for action (23-26).

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
Hebrews 12:1-2a

Where do we begin?

- Evaluate (Psalm 139:23-24)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 139:23-24

Evaluating your habits:

- Is it helpful (1 Cor 6:12)?
 - Does it control me (1 Cor 6:12)?
 - Does it hurt others (1 Cor 8:13)?
 - Does it glorify God (1 Cor 10:31)?
- Submit (James 4:4-7)
 - Practice (Romans 6:13)

Do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness.

Romans 6:13

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