

Practical Hints for Holy Living

Holiness can only be maintained by letting the Holy Spirit have control of ALL areas of your life. Regular prayer, Bible study, and church attendance are all necessary.

In addition to prayer, Bible study, church attendance, fasting, and development of personal convictions, there are some attitudes and concepts that will help you in living for God. Here are a few hints on holy living:

1. Shun the appearance of evil.
2. When in doubt about something, don't do it.
3. Be an example to the believer first. The believer knows what God expects of us – how we should act, dress, and talk. It is always easier to be an example to unbelievers because they usually do not know what God wants and expects. Become an example to believers in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity.
4. When a person gossips about someone else, stop them. When one member is hurt, we are all hurt. How can we slander or gossip about one another. Instead of gossiping, the Bible tells us to think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, of virtue, and of praise (Philippians 4:8).
5. Let us never be guilty of betraying or discouraging our brothers and sisters in the Lord.
6. Be desirous of more spiritual things.
7. Remember a key concept of holiness: "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls (Proverbs 25:28).
8. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. Your reputation is important to you, but it is also important because you are a part of the family of God.