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Strive for ... the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. **Hebrews 12:14 (ESV)**

Theological definition: Holiness means to be separated from sin and devoted to the honor of God.

- God is Holy (Exodus 15:11)
- Every person and entity that belongs to God will be Holy

As God's redemptive plan unfolds in the OT, we see His Holiness...

- in His purposes. (**Exodus 19:4-6; Exodus 29:44**)
- in His commands. (**Leviticus 19:2; Exodus 20:11**)
- as He dwelt among His people. (**Exodus 26:33**)

As God's redemptive plan is completed on the cross, we see His Holiness...

- as the goal of salvation. (**Ephesians 5:26-27; Ephesians 2:21**)
- at the heart of His discipline. (**Hebrews 12:10**)
- as He indwells His people. (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**)

Life Point: The call to Holiness is a call to action **and** a call to absolute dependence. (**1 Peter 1:13-16; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18**)

Striving for Holiness means...

- we take drastic actions. (Matthew 18:8)
- we run for our lives when temptation comes. (1 Corinthians 6:18)
- we are constantly aware of our dependence on God. (Galatians 5:16)

Life Point: Striving for Holiness is not about legalism but rather holding ourselves to a higher standard. (1 Corinthians 6:12)

**** If I reject Holiness then I reject God ****