

THE POWER OF HOLY LIVING

1 Corinthians 7.1-16

A. Paul's Advice to the Corinthians on Sex in Marriage, Divorce, and Re-marriage

B. The Power of Holy Living

- Holiness is **CONTAGIOUS**

A holy life has the power to transform other people: our families, our communities, our nation

*"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that **they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**"*
Matthew 5.14-16

- Three Elements to Holiness (Scot McKnight)

1. We don't make ourselves holy—it is the **INNER WORKING OF GOD.**

*May God himself, the God of peace, **sanctify you through and through.***
1 Thessalonians 5.23

*But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved **through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.***
2 Thessalonians 2.13

2. Holiness means learning to live a life that **AVOIDS SINS.**

Not "Do's and Don'ts," but rather "Don'ts because of the Do's." That is, because we are *doing* devotion of God, we *don't* want to sin. (Scot McKnight)

See Ephesians 4.24-5.20

3. Holiness means learning to live a life **DEVOTED TO GOD.**

...put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
Ephesians 4.24



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?