



I die daily.....

When I began thinking about a lead in for the devotions, something besides hello from Quarantine, “I die daily....”, came to mind. Romans 8:13 says

¹³ *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

Our greatest battle in life is with our own flesh. It has it's desires, our flesh leans to the ways of the world. The flesh and the Spirit are often in conflict with one another. The word says elsewhere, “the Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak”. Do you recognize that struggle? Temptation may come from an outside source, but it's the fleshly desires that make it a temptation to begin with. To mortify the deeds of the

body, is a choice. It's a choice to obey God, a choice to serve Him, and this is an important layer- it's a choice to accept the ways of God and to reject the ways of the world. To mortify, put to death, bring into subjection! What is directing our lives? Is it wants that are dictated to us by a sinful flesh? Or is it the desires of a Holy God? We choose.

Holiness is a choice. Holiness isn't just an outward look. Holiness is a character shaped in the image of God. Holiness is a matter of the heart, and choosing to be Holy, it will impact every area of your life. You can't follow the ways of the world and be holy. It's important to understand the significance of Holiness as a child of God. He clearly says, "Holiness without whichNO man shall see the Lord", He also says clearly "be Holy, because I am Holy". Christ was Holy, and His expectation for us is to walk in the same. It's not just a good idea, but a necessity as a child of God. Our high calling, our role as the representatives of God on this earth, require it. God is holy.....we must represent His character, we must represent who He is, and He is holy.

Our salvation experience was a new birth. I can remember early on I didn't understand what that meant at all. It seems like a reasonable question when you are ignorant of the Spiritual ways of God”How could I possibly be Born Again?” But God is clear, it is exactly what has to take place. The old man was ordered by my desires, that couldn't go on. Following those desires leads to Spiritual death. In order to have the abundant life that God desires to give.....we must put to death the fleshly ways. We had to be “created again”, a new heart and mind had to be installed.... it wasn't just a cleansing that took place the day we got savedbut it was a renewing!

Today we need to praise Him again for the reception of His Holy Spirit. He is a key factor in our walk in Holiness. He leads us to all truth, He comforts us, and yes He reminds us. He brings God's word, God's desires for us, back to our minds. He uses God's word to illuminate God's pathway. In Christ..... I say that again “IN” Christ, all things are possible. And yes.....it's possible to live without sin. It's possible to

be Holy. Trying to be those things in our power is an impossible task. But connected to the Vinethe Vine that is Jesus Christ ... we the branches – Have LIFE!

Holiness is Key! It's in a walk of Holiness that we reveal God. How are you doing with that?

God we pray today that you forgive us for allowing our flesh to have the steering wheel all too often. We thank you for your mercy, and so much as well for your patience. We ask today that you give us the strength to overcome our flesh, and to walk in obedience to your word. Forgive us for the times we haven't we want to see You! We want heaven to be our eternal home, and we know that we need you in order for that to happen. IN Jesus name we pray....AMEN

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Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. [Heb. 12:14](#)

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. [John 3:3](#)

There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth. [Rev. 21:27](#)

There is no spot in thee. [Song 4:7](#)

Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. [Lev. 19:2](#)

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. [I Pet. 1:14-17](#)

Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and ... put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. [Eph. 4:22-24](#)

He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. [Eph. 1:4](#)