

Putting Sin to Death

Colossians 3:1-5

The New Testament leaves no doubt that holiness is our responsibility.

If we are to pursue it we must take some decisive action.

- a. We must, through the power of the Spirit,
put to death the deeds of our sinful nature.

Romans 8:12-14

- b. We must put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within us.

Colossians 3:5

WE MUST DO IT – BUT WE CAN NOT DO IT ALONE!

The crucial question is , “**How do we destroy the strength and vitality of sin?**”

I. WE MUST HOLD STRONG CONVICTIONS!

- A. We must be convinced that a holy life is God’s will for every Christian.
- B. We must be convinced that the pursuit of holiness is worth the effort and pain required to destroy the strength and vitality of sin.
- C. We must be convinced that without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

- D. We must develop convictions in areas of obedience.

These convictions are developed through EXPOSURE TO THE WORD OF GOD.

Romans 12:1,2

Only through God’s Word are our minds remolded, and our values renewed.

The question we must ask in a serious pursuit of holiness is this:

Am I willing to develop convictions from the Scriptures,
and to live by those convictions?

John 14:21

Obedience is the pathway to holiness,

but it is only as we have His commands that we can obey them!

- A. God’s word must be so strongly fixed in our minds that it becomes the Dominant influence in our thoughts, attitudes and actions.

II. WE MUST HAVE ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT.

Luke 14:33

We must honestly face the question,

AM I WILLING TO GIVE UP A PRACTICE OR HABIT
THAT IS KEEPING ME FROM HOLINESS?

1 John 2:1-5

The whole purpose of John’s letter is that we do not sin!

Make it your aim, not to sin!

Don’t make it your aim not to sin – very much!!!

There is no point in praying for victory over temptation

if we are not willing to make a commitment to say no to it!