

Set Apart: Decisive

Day 1

Splendor

In order to develop the skill of fitting into God's creation, we must first open our eyes to it. That sight creates in us a response that is appropriate to the vision that we see. To learn more, check out this devotional:

<https://www.wisdomhunters.com/splendour-of-holiness/>

Verses: 2 Corinthians 3:18, John 1:14, Psalm 29:2

Prayer Topics: Beauty, Submission, Glory

Day 2

Habitual

Most of our lives are lived on autopilot. This is not a bad thing, it is the way we were designed to function. All of us have had the experience of driving someplace and realizing we were on autopilot the whole trip, and we wonder how we could have arrived at our destination safely. The reason that this works is that we build habits, and once the habit is formed we simply just run the program like a computer. Most of us have waking up habits, going to bed habits, and cleaning habits. Making these things habitual saves energy, makes sure things are done right and steps are not missed, and lightens the mental load of our lives. It is important, if we want to live lives that are holy, that we recognize the value of developing holy habits. Check out this article to learn more:

<https://www.wisdominallthings.com/pursuit-of-holiness-building-holy-habits/>

Verses: Hebrews 12:14, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Peter 1:15-16

Prayer Topics: Routine, Consistency, Purpose

Day 3

Process

In our pursuit of holiness we must be wise. Why is wisdom important? We must discern the holy from the profane. This is not merely a mental exercise, but involves the heart and the will as well as the intellect. There is a process to developing these qualities, so check out this article that breaks the pursuit of holiness into some distinct concepts that will help in our pursuit:

<https://renovare.org/articles/beauty-of-holiness>

Verses: James 1:5, James 3:17, Proverbs 3:13-18

Prayer Topics: Patience, Thoughtfulness, Humility

Day 4

In Christ

It may be that you look at your life and do not see an overflow of wisdom, but take heart, for Jesus is the wisdom of God. Trusting in Christ as the wisdom of God means that I no longer trust in my own wisdom. It means that I gain wisdom as I am obedient to Christ. To find out more, check out this article:

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/christ-our-righteousness-and-sanctification>

Verses: John 15:1-27, Galatians 2:20, John 1:12

Prayer Topics: Trust, Hope, Peace

Day 5

Thanks to Sylvester Warsaw, Jr for our devotional today

In the Book of Jude after he identifies himself, addresses the audience God through the Holy instructed him to address, “those who are called, sanctified

by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ;" vs. 1. This recognition of being called sanctified is vital because there's a difference in belonging to God and the physical building called the church. Being identified and called sanctified gives us identity of belonging and to whom we belong too meaning sanctification is relational and had only in and through Christ Jesus. The danger of not understanding who you are in Christ Jesus causes you to speculate instead of knowing and there's a huge difference. The wisdom of this world order is built on speculation because its intent is to glorify self to worship man instead of the true and living God. In the prayer that's called The Lord's Prayer we ask God to forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Trespasses are built on speculations and not truth and verses 8-13 in Jude talks about this. In Revelation 2:13 and Jeremiah 9:6 we are told God knows we dwell where Satan's throne is and its nature is deceit. God doesn't want His children to be ignorant of nor succumb to the narrative of wisdom as stated in 1 Corinthians 1:18-29. God wants us to learn of Him so we can understand thereby living out who we are in Him in and through Christ Jesus, 1 Cor. 1:30-2:16; Colossians 2:1-10; 3:12-17. There's wisdom in the way Steve ends his sermons before communion when he says these three words that point to Christ Jesus, believe, belong and become. Those whose heart, mind and body that have been circumcised by the Holy Spirit are Christ Jesus's ambassadors here on earth dwelling where Satan's throne is have this truth in Him, we are more than conquerors because we

dwell in Him who overcame the world. Paul says it like this in Acts 17: 28, “For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, “For we are His offspring.”