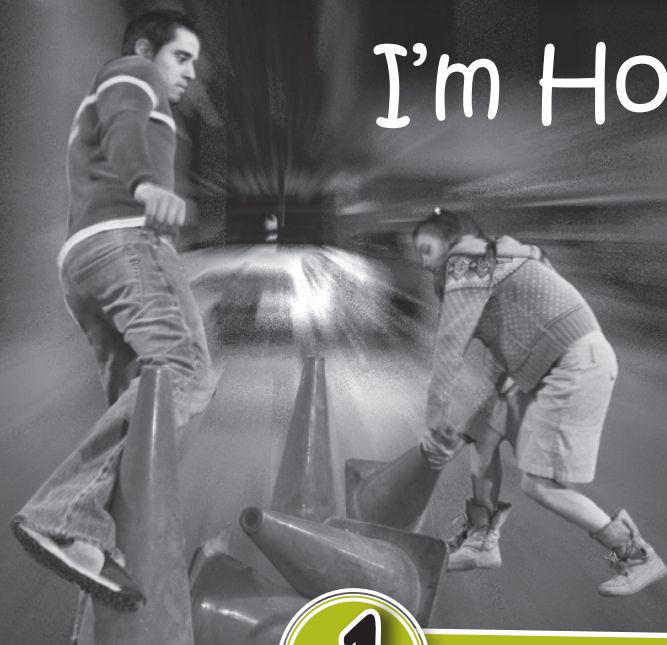


I'm Holy?



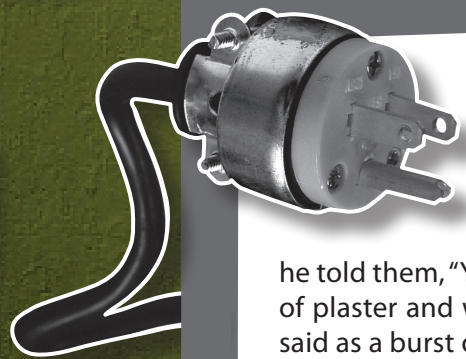
1

Connect with the Word

Once after school, some young Christians were talking about a life of holiness. They were trying to explain how they could say that they were holy. At that moment, a youth who was close by overheard the conversation and went over to them. In a firm voice, he told them, "You're, holy? From what I know, the holy ones are made of plaster and well guarded in the church. Don't make me laugh," he said as a burst of laughter spread through the whole group.

Has that ever happened to you? Have you been in a situation like that? Have you ever heard an expression like that or anything similar?

A Christian shows that his sins are forgiven and he is surrendered to God through his conduct and way of life. However, sometimes this seems difficult. Nevertheless, the phrase "to be holy" should challenge us to a spiritual experience with Jesus Christ that is stronger each day, despite all circumstances.



We must remember that the experience of being sanctified is the will of God, and through it, the Holy Spirit will help us to live a life full of love and obedience to Him.

2

Hands at Work

Do you remember the list of words you found in the word find based on 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12? Write down each word on a card. Review your list at the end of each day, and meditate on it in relation to your personal life. Write your conclusions each day and let God speak to you. At the end of the week, summarize what God has taught you and share it with the youth group.

3

Memorize

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
Romans 8:1

4

Weekly Challenge

Read the book of Romans, chapters 8 to 14, and write down what you learn in your journal. Read one chapter each day of the week, and don't forget to mark the corresponding box each time you read a chapter.

Book	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
Romans	8	9	10	11	12	13	14



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"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy because I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:14-16).

What is your definition of Holy? _____

What do the following passages suggest regarding the Holiness of God?

- Exodus 15:11 _____
- Isaiah 40:25 _____
- Revelation 15:4 _____

After reading these passages, we can say that God is in essence holy. To clarify the concept of Holiness, find the hidden words in parenthesis and write them on the lines.

- The fundamental meaning of the word "Holy" is: _____
(tse paatr)
_____/_____.
(quienu) (sdintitc)
- The difference between the Holiness of God and our own is the difference between being the _____ and the _____.
(roaretc) (rcateed)
- God is separated from sin, but through holiness, he wants to have an _____ and _____ relationship with man.
(maetiint) (lasonrep)

The Bible tells us that many years ago, almost at the beginning of creation, God chose a man named Abraham and his descendents to form the people of Israel, and then shared His will with them. Read Leviticus 11:44, and on the following line, write what the divine desire is: _____

The manifestation of God's desire for Israel as a people was clear: "we should be completely purified and holy." This is told using the ceremonial symbolism to avoid contact with unclean animals. Later, through the pages of the Old Testament, God demanded of his people, Israel, certain sacrifices of animals to indicate their desire to be holy. Over time, God changed the ceremonial symbolism, by fulfilling his promise to the patriarchs, and sent Christ as a perfect sacrifice for the salvation of everyone who believes in Him.



Christ, in turn, gave the promise of the Holy Spirit so that we can live a life of Holiness, no longer living by the law of Moses, but by the new law of the love of Christ Jesus. With the passing of time, one thing has not changed.

God, just as before, demands holiness. However, holiness is now related to a life that is the product of the grace of God, not to ceremonial practices. Therefore, you no longer need a priest to offer animal sacrifices so that you can be right with God. Christ already made that sacrifice once and for all.

According to Scripture, in 1 Peter 1:14-16, how do you believe you should live now? (Read the passage and answer in your own words.)

If you continue reading in 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, you will find some traits that should be revealed in your life as evidence of the joys of the experience of holiness.

Find five of them in the following word find.

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Q	U	I	E	T	U	I	L	O	A	N	S	A
G	G	F	B	A	R	T	I	I	R	I	P	O
S	T	M	O	A	O	L	I	A	L	I	E	I
W	O	R	K	I	N	G	D	O	R	O	C	A
O	O	S	R	A	E	O	A	G	R	A	T	R
M	T	E	B	A	S	I	L	E	H	L	E	H
R	E	S	P	O	N	S	I	B	L	E	D	A

If you let Christ forgive you and, through His Spirit, sanctify you wholly, you have been completely freed from sin. But understand this: that freedom is FROM SIN and not from the possibility of sinning. From here on, you will need to continue growing and maturing throughout your whole life. If you take the promises of the Lord and believe them, the Spirit will fortify you against temptation. In this way you will come out victorious. The possibility of sinning will always be there, and so will the possibility of being obedient. If you stand up against temptation and keep from falling to it, you will enjoy the promise that you find in Romans 6:22 (copy it here):
