

Consecrated: Holiness is Love

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Holiness Is Not Legalism — It's Given Through Love

+ *"But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, 'You must be holy, for I am holy.'"*

1 Peter 1:15-16 NLT

Unholiness and holiness are both tied to love. When people hear a message on holiness, many push back with grace — but this is a false tension. Holiness and grace work together. Legalism is a false narrative of holiness. Real holiness is not a set of external rules — it is something God gives us **through** love. We all came from an unloving world as sinners, and learning to walk in love is part of the process God takes us through.

Real Holiness Goes Outside the Building

Sc. *"I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me into your home. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me."*

Matthew 25:35-36 NLT

You cannot do church three days a week inside a building and fulfill this. You cannot be self-centered and call yourself holy. Modern Christianity has reduced holiness to behavior inside a church — but Matthew 25 shows Jesus measures it by how we treat the hungry, the stranger, the sick, the imprisoned. The warning is clear: living an unholy life has consequences. Preaching this truth is not judgment — it is love.

Let Go of What Egypt Put in You

It took Israel 40 years in the desert to release the habits and mindsets they built in Egypt. God could not bring them into the Promised Land while they were still holding onto the old. The process of church is not just about receiving from God — it is about **letting go** of what the enemy used to hinder us. There are still areas many of us carry: bitterness, anger, resentfulness. God says those things belong to Him — give them over. You cannot catch what God is about to give you when your hands are already full.

You Are a Spiritual Heavyweight — Deliverance Is Close

The enemy does not want you to realize who you are in the kingdom. He is shooting BB guns at someone who carries a full machine gun. Deliverance is not far away — it is just around the corner of a good decision. The devil is scared of you, not the other way around.

Holiness Requires Intentional Discipline — Jesus Put in the Work

While Jesus was healing multitudes and performing miracles, He was also waking up early every morning to spend two to three hours in prayer with the Father. Jesus did not skip spiritual discipline simply because He was God — He put in the work. If we want to walk in holiness, it does not happen passively. It requires showing up, praying, and being intentional every single day.

God's Love Is Different — It Enters Our Mess

Human love avoids confrontation to keep the peace and ends up leaving people in bondage. God's love is different because His love is **holy**. He enters our mess and confronts our sin — not to condemn, but because He loves us too much to leave us there. Nobody has loved you the way God has loved you.

The Cross Is the Pickup Sign — Stay Waiting on God

A mother had to divert from her path — take the long way — just to pick up her son. She came with gifts. She did not pick him up on the way; she intentionally went out of her way, and it cost her to go get him. That is what Jesus did. He intentionally diverted from glory and it cost Him everything — for you. The cross is the pickup sign. The enemy will tell you to throw in the towel. Stay waiting on God. He is coming through.

Closing — Walking in True Holiness

— *"I want to walk in holiness. The one that the scripture has put in front of me. The one that is about servitude. Not the legalism and the religiosity. The holiness that is rooted in love and rooted in grace and rooted in all good things. I want to walk in that one."*

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