

Lesson Topic: Holiness – Living a Distinctive Life

Lesson Scriptures: Luke 1:5-7, 41-45, 60

Romans 16:1-2, Acts 16:14-15

Lesson Commentary: Examples of Holiness

***Anna** – Propelled by the negative circumstances of her life, she resolved not to be bitter, but to draw closer to the Lord.*

***Lydia** – Though she was prosperous, extremely smart, savvy, a successful business woman, on top of her game with many following her and dependent upon her, she led out for righteousness (holiness) and with increased understanding, she opened her home for ministry.*

***Elizabeth** – With age creeping up on her and her desires seemingly unfulfilled, longing for years to produce, yet she served God faithfully.*

***Phoebe** – Without a biblical narrative of her past actions in life, she served her church so much in so that Paul requested fellow believers to receive her in the way worthy of saints and to help her. She had been such a great help to him and others.*

Lesson Review Questions

1. In which chapter of I Peter, do we find these instructions for holy living? Chapters 1, 2, or 3?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Be prepared | <input type="checkbox"/> Let go wrong desires | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your mouth suffer for |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be sober | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay aside hate | <input type="checkbox"/> righteousness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Love | <input type="checkbox"/> Crave the word | <input type="checkbox"/> Be respectful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear & trust God | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear God | <input type="checkbox"/> Be tender hearted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obey | <input type="checkbox"/> Be honest | <input type="checkbox"/> Be humble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live holy | <input type="checkbox"/> Silence negative voices by
your life | <input type="checkbox"/> Be single minded |

2. In last week's definitions of holiness, two definitions did not belong. Did you find the ones below?

- Holiness is a one-time action completed at the time of salvation.
- Holiness is automatically having good thoughts, attitudes and actions once we become new in Christ.

3. Prophetess Anna, despite negativity, she praised and worshiped, fasted and prayed, and witnessed for the Lord. What can we say about these other women that also pursued holiness in their lives?

Lydia – Acts 16:14-15 _____

Elizabeth – Luke 1:5-7, 41-45, 60 _____

Phoebe – Romans 16:1-2 _____

Memory Verses

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| I Thessalonians 4:7 | He has Called us to holiness |
| I Peter 1:13-16 | We must be Disciplined, obedient and holy |
| Colossians 3:1 | We lessen worldly desires, Seeking things above |
| Ephesians 2:22-24 | Put off old, put in the new, Change |
| Romans 12:1, 2 | ...be Transformed... |
| II Corinthians 7:1 | ...let us cleanse ourselves...perfecting holiness |
| Hebrews 12:14 | ...follow holiness to see God |