

**Lesson Topic:** Spiritual Development – Principles of Christian Living

**Lesson Scriptures:** I Peter 1:13-16, 22-25

**Lesson Focus:** *Learning to live holy is essential, and it is a joy!*

Romans 12:1,2      *"Present your body . . . holy and be not conformed"*

I Thessalonians 4:7      *"For God hath called us . . . unto holiness"*

II Corinthians 7:1      *"Cleanse ourselves from filthiness . . . perfecting holiness in the fear of God"*

I Peter 1:13-16      *"Gird up... your mind... be sober... hope to the end... not... the former lust... but... be ye holy"*

*How important is it to live a holy life?*

### **Lesson Commentary:**

*Sometimes we struggle with pride, jealousy, materialism, impatience, lust, criticizing others, shading the truth, indulging in many forms of unrighteous living. Holiness requires a daily, consistent pursuit of God's Word.*

*I Peter 1:22-25 reminds us of these principles for holy living:*

- *Live prepared*
- *Live hopeful*
- *Live obediently*
- *Don't live like the past*
- *Live holy in everything*
- *Live loving each other*
- *Live by the Word*

*I Peter 1:13-16 also encourages us to be prepared for action, living under control by the Holy Spirit. Our hope is Christ's return – now as believers as never before. God sets the standards for holy living. We must live by His rules, His dictates, His directives. God is love. God is full of mercy and justice, and He cares greatly for each of us. He has expectation that we will:*

- *Imitate Him and follow His high moral standards*
- *Submit ourselves*
- *Draw near*
- *Humble ourselves*
- *Live by His Word*

### **Lesson Questions:**

1. How did Prophetess Anna fulfill this scripture (I Peter 1:13-16, 22-25) in her life? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who sets the standard for morality and holiness? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Fill in the blanks:**

3. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and is full of \_\_\_\_\_ and He will \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God does expect us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him by following His high \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Peter admonishes us to be like \_\_\_\_\_ in all we do.
6. Our salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
7. The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us from sin when we believe.
8. Eternal life is a grand \_\_\_\_\_ for those who trust in Christ.
9. Such hope should motivate us to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ with great commitment.
10. Confident and patient, we can stand \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Because He is our foundation, we must be devoted, loyal, and \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
12. Accept the challenge: live \_\_\_\_\_ from our society.
13. We are accountable to (circle): ourselves      our spouses      our boss      our president      out God
14. We will be held \_\_\_\_\_ for how we live.