

The Beauty of Holiness
How You May Sanctify Yourself
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I. A Pattern of Jesus

- A. The Father sanctified the Son and sent Him into the world (John 10:36)
 - 1. God the Father chose Jesus for a special task
 - 2. He set Him apart for that task
 - 3. God sent Him to fulfill that task
- B. Jesus sanctified Himself (John 17:19)
 - 1. He acknowledged God's choice
 - 2. He recognized the task
 - 3. Sanctification is, first, to God and second, to the task
- C. Jesus delighted to do the Father's will. (Ps. 40:7-8; comp. Heb. 10:7)
 - 1. He came from heaven specially to do the Father's will (John 6:38)
 - 2. In doing the Father's will, Jesus revealed the Father (John 14:9)
 - 3. In fulfilling the Father's task, Jesus glorified the Father (John 17:4)
- D. Jesus sends His disciples each to fulfill a special task (John 17:17-19; 20:21)
- E. Disciples are sanctified by fulfilling the task given (Heb. 2:11)
 - 1. Jesus was sanctified in fulfilling the task given to Him by the Father
 - 2. Disciples both reveal and glorify Jesus in fulfilling their tasks

II. Your Response to God's Choice

- A. As we move in God's will:
 - 1. Whatever we ask the Father is done (John 15:16)
 - 2. All things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
- B. Created in Christ Jesus for good works which God has before ordained (Eph. 2:10) – God has chosen you to fulfill a special task
- C. Five successive phases of your response (Rom. 12:1-6)
 - 1. Present your body a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1) on God's altar (Matt. 23:19)
 - 2. Thus, you are renewed in your mind.
 - a. You no longer think as the world thinks
 - b. You accept God's standards (Rom. 12:2)
 - c. You delight to do God's will (1 John 2:15-17)
 - 3. To your renewed mind God reveals His special purpose and task – God has given the measure of faith needed to fulfill that task (Rom. 12:3)
 - 4. You find your place and function in the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:4-5)
 - 5. You begin to exercise the gifts appropriate to your function (Rom. 12:6)
- D. As God's will and purpose are progressively revealed to you, you shape your whole conduct and life to fulfill God's purpose
 - 1. You exercise yourself (Acts 24:16)
 - 2. You discipline yourself (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

III. Pattern of an Athlete

- A. Negative: Renounce all that hinders the fulfillment of God's purpose (comp. Heb. 12:1-2)
- B. Positive: Cultivate all that helps the fulfillment of God's purpose

- C. The negative alone, without the positive, is barren and frustrating
- D. Discover that God has made full provision for all you need to fulfill His purpose (2 Pet. 1:3-4)
- E. In fulfilling God's purpose you manifest the nature of God's Son.

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