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But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16, NKJV)

Holy Disciples

Dwight Moody said, "Next to the might of God, the serene beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence for good." The scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day were hypocrites who concentrated on appearing holy, even though they were actually neglecting real holiness of their hearts.

Even disciples at times are tempted to be so busy being religious they fail to be spiritual. Outward acts of goodness can never make up for hearts that are cold and empty. Pure hearts are needed. James says, "Purify your hearts.... Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord" (James 4:8, 10).

Oswald Chambers said, "Holiness is not only what God gives me, but what I manifest that God has given me." Have you had your heart checked lately? Imagine you are strapped into a divine machine that can see into your heart and measure the holiness there. What would the diagnosis be?

Holiness means being set apart for God. It's what you do with your life every day as a disciple; it's ordering your Christian life according to the Word of God and being of one mind with God. No one ever said it would be easy. But it is possible by the grace of God through Christ's abiding presence.

