



“Pursuing Holiness”
Hebrews 12:14-17



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15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.



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17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.





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I. The Command to Pursue Peace and Holiness (v. 14)

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Isaiah 57:21 (NKJV)

21 “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”





Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV)

6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And
all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like
the wind, Have taken us away.





1 John 2:6 (NKJV)

6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.





Romans 12:18 (NKJV)

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Psalms 120:6–7 (NKJV)

6 My soul has dwelt too long
With one who hates peace.

7 I am for peace; But when I speak, they are for war.



James 3:13–18 (NKJV)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.



James 3:13–18 (NKJV)

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.





John 13:35 (NKJV)

35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 17:21 (NKJV)

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.



II. The Consequences of Not Pursuing Peace and Holiness (v. 15)

15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;





Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV)

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’

23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’



1 John 2:19 (NKJV)

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.





III. The Case of Esau (vv. 16-17)

16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.



Hebrews 10:26 (NKJV)

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

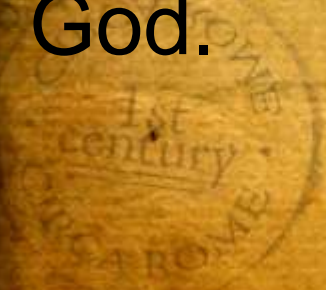




Mark 10:17–22 (NKJV)

17 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

18 So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.





Mark 10:17–22 (NKJV)

19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’”

20 And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”



Mark 10:17–22 (NKJV)

20 And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”



Mark 10:17–22 (NKJV)

22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.





1 Peter 1:13–16 (NKJV)

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,



1 Peter 1:13–16 (NKJV)

16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”





Leviticus 11:44–45 (NKJV)

44 For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and **you shall be holy; for I am holy**. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

45 For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**



Leviticus 19:2 (NKJV)

2 “Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘**You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.**

Leviticus 20:7 (NKJV)

7 Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy, for I am the LORD your God.**



Philippians 2:12–13 (NKJV)

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

