

Lesson Notes:

## **Walking in Holiness**

As Christians we all strive to walk in holiness. Following are ways in which we may walk in the way of the Lord.

### **Scriptural Principles**

- 1) **Do not use violence or oppression** – The prophet Ezekiel tells us in **Ezekiel 45:9** that to be holy we are not to use violence or be oppressive toward others.
- 2) **Be honest in business** - God tells us in **Exodus 20:15** thou shalt not steal. In **Ezekiel 45:10-12** the children of Israel were encouraged to be honest in their business dealings as a way to walk in holiness.
- 3) **Make tithes and offerings to God** – Paul tells us in **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** not to give grudgingly but according to the purpose of our hearts, and that those who give bountifully will receive bountifully. In **Ezekiel 45:13-17** the prophet Ezekiel tells the children of Israel to lay aside first fruits to make offerings to the Lord.
- 4) **Remember the Sabbath Day and days of Holy obligation and keep them holy** - In **Exodus 20:8-11** we are told to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy. In **Ezekiel 45:18-25** and **Ezekiel 46:3** the children of Israel are encouraged to honor God during the Sabbath and holy days.
- 5) **Have compassion for people** - In **Matthew 22:39** Jesus said to Love thy neighbor as you love thyself. Also in **Matthew 25:34-40** Jesus said whatever you have done for the least among you have done for me. In **Ezekiel 46:18** the prophet Ezekiel encourages Israel not to take property from people in times of trouble.
- 6) **Have a passion for Christ** - In **Matthew 22:37** Jesus said to love thy god with all thy mind, all thy soul and all thy heart.
- 7) **Serve the Lord** – In **Joshua 24:15** during his admonishment of the people of Israel Joshua said, “As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” In **Ezekiel 48:35** Ezekiel told the nation of Israel that they were to name of the Holy City “The Lord is There”.