

Lesson Notes:

Living a Holy Life

As Christians we should all strive to live a holy life. George Beverly Shea who partnered with Billy Graham during his many crusades recently said that if he goes before our Lord after his service in this life is over and he is told, “Job well done my good and faithful servant” than he will feel that he has accomplished God’s purpose in his life. Following are techniques for living a holy life.

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 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.
- 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.”