

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_, verses 13-17

**(Galatians 5:16-17)** "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. {17} For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."

**(Galatians 5:22-23)** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

**(Romans 12:2)** "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

**(Ephesians 4:22-24)** "that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, {23} and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, {24} and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

**(Matthew 12:36)** ""But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."

**(Hebrews 12:29)** "... our God is a consuming fire."

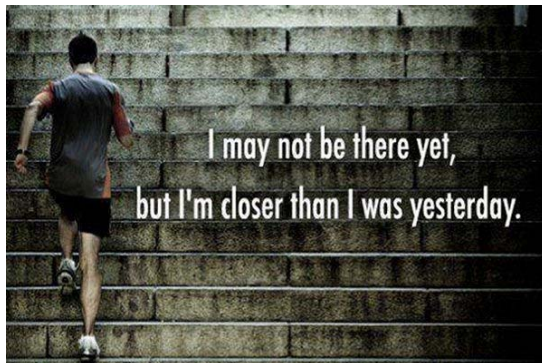


What one thing can you do to enhance your relationship with God? The more time you spend with Him, the more you will become like Him.

Little by little, step by step, work to rid your life of unholy behaviour. And strive each day to grow closer to God. As a believer in Jesus Christ, there is no greater challenge. — JDB

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek. —Longstaff*

**For a Christlike walk, keep in step with Christ.**



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### Start With One Step

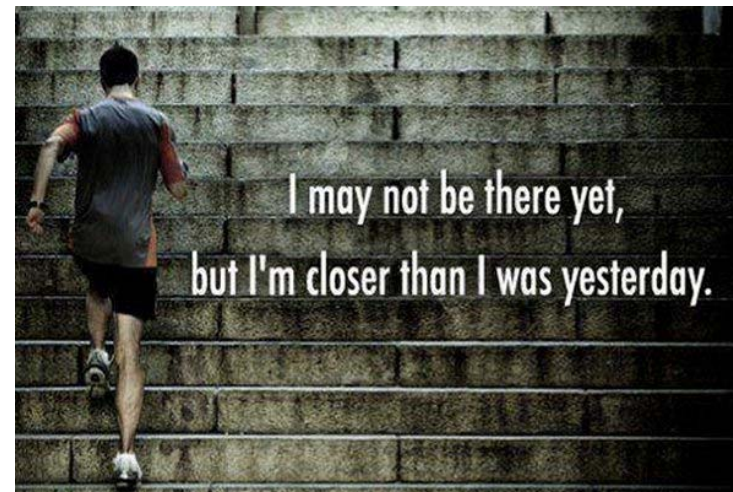
**I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. —Leviticus 11:44**

"Be holy, for I am holy." Is there any command more difficult to obey? Probably not, yet there it is in God's Word (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16).

But how can we be as holy as God? After all, the reason we must trust Jesus as Saviour in the first place is because we are **not** holy. "All have sinned," Romans 3:23 tells us. And even after we put our faith in Christ for salvation, how can we think about being as holy as God is?

The challenge of trying to match God in the holiness category can seem far too difficult to attempt. But if we yield to the Holy Spirit who lives in us and convicts us, we will grow.

Taking one step at a time should help. For instance, what is one thing you do or say or



think that does not reflect God's holiness? Maybe you treat others harshly. Or you have a secret sin. Tackle that area today. Talk to God about it. Confess it. Ask His forgiveness. Then, by His power, seek to overcome it.

Or think of this:



# I Peter: Overcoming Suffering The Revelation of Jesus Christ

**(2 Timothy 3:16)** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, ..."

In 1 Peter 1:13-21 Peter gives us a number of instructions based on the past and the future. We could summarise these instructions with 3 commands:

## 1. Get \_\_\_\_\_, verse 13

**(Revelation 1:1)** "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants; things which must shortly take place. ..."

**(Revelation 1:7)** "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."

**(Matthew 24:4-8)** "...Take heed that no one deceives you. {5} "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. {6} "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. {7} "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. {8} "All these are the beginning of sorrows."

**(Matthew 24:21-27)** "...For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. {22} "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. {23} "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. {24} "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. {25} "See, I have told you beforehand. {26}

"Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. {27} "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

**(Matthew 24:30)** "...Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

**(Matthew 24:36)** "...But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

**(Matthew 24:42)** "...Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."

**(Daniel 5:30)** "That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain."

**(Romans 10:13)** "For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."



**(Romans 10:9)** "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

## 2. Find \_\_\_\_\_, verses 13, 3-6, 18-21

**(Micah 5:2)** ""But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.""

**(Isaiah 53:3-7)** "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. {4} Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. {5} But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. {6} All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. {7} He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth."

**(1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)** "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. {17} Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. {18} Therefore comfort one another with these words."

**(1 Corinthians 3:14-15)** "If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. {15} If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

**(Revelation 19:6-8)** "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! {7} "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." {8} And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

**(Revelation 19:14)** "And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses."

**(Revelation 20:6)** "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

**(Revelation 21:3-4)** "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. {4} "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.""

