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## God's Call for Personal Holiness

1 Peter 1:15-16

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### *“What will they say?”*

**Y**our interview seems to be going well until the vice president asks you a unexpected question—to list three words that best describe who you are as person outside of work. Then he shows you a couple of hand-written page and smiles, saying he just finished calling a number of your family member and close friends and asked them the same question. You begin to ponder what impression you have left with family and friends. Sure, they like you—even support you. But boil it down to three words? You begin to reflect on all of the situations that you've had with these people. You wonder exactly what they do think of you. Is the “you” that you are portraying the “you” that you really want them to see?

What would be the three words you would select about yourself? What words would you want selected about you? What picture of you would surface? Now here's a startling question: Would anyone even consider the won “holy” as a possible choice for you?

### Reflection

Consider for a moment how God would describe you at this precise moment. What would be the Lord's three words describing you? God is holy and He says that you and I must be holy too—not just holy at church, but at home and in the marketplace; not just Sunday morning holiness, but Friday night holiness holy when you're with other Christians, and holy when no one can see you

### Accountability and Application

- The person you really are is the person you are when nobody else is around Make a decision that who you really are is one who reflects the good and holy attributes of God.
- Are you a person of holiness? Or do you think holiness is only for clergy? How can you make holiness a lifestyle, and not just a one-time event at church?
- What would you have to change to become a person of holiness?

**Prayer:** *Lord, I'm a long way from being holy. I've never turned my heart, and my habits, toward holiness. Forgive me. Transform me. Incline my heart to holiness.*

*1 Peter 1:13-16 (NIV)*

### Be Holy

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>**But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;** <sup>16</sup>**for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**