

# GENERAL HOLINESS PRINCIPLES

**Scripture:** Proverbs 9:10

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."*

## I. Rules & Principles

### A. Rules:

1. Defined – A prescribed guide for \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Principles:

1. Defined - The \_\_\_\_\_ for which the rule exists.
2. The 10 Commandments were \_\_\_\_\_ based upon \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. *"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me"* (Exodus 20:3) is the rule. The principle is that He alone is God and should be \_\_\_\_\_ as such.
  - b. *"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...or bow down before it"* (Exodus 20:4-5) is the rule. The principle is that God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God and is the only One to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. *"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain"* (Exodus 20:7) is the rule. The principle is that His name is \_\_\_\_\_ to the expression of who He is and as such it is a \_\_\_\_\_ name.
  - d. *"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"* (Exodus 20:8) is the rule. The principle is God created a day of \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of man.
  - e. *"Honor thy father and thy mother"* (Exodus 20:12) is the rule. The principle is one of respecting and honoring the

\_\_\_\_\_ God has placed you under in the home.

- f. *"Thou shalt not kill"* (Exodus 20:13) is the rule. The principle is that God alone is the \_\_\_\_\_ of life and He alone will be the \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. *"Thou shalt not commit adultery"* (Exodus 20:14) is the rule. The principle is that marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ to God and is to be viewed as a lifelong \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. *"Thou shalt not steal"* (Exodus 20:15) is the rule. The principle is that a man should only have what is \_\_\_\_\_ his.
- i. *"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor"* (Exodus 20:16) is the rule. The principle is that God hates a \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 6:17).
- j. *"Thou shalt not covet"* (Exodus 20:17) is the rule. The principle is that God \_\_\_\_\_ what every man hath need of.

C. Rules/Principles contrasted

- 1. Holiness is not intended to be, nor should it be, a bunch of rules.
  - a. Rather, it is a way of life, or a \_\_\_\_\_, based on \_\_\_\_\_ that are explained in the Word of God.
- 2. If we are not careful we will confuse the issue by becoming \_\_\_\_\_ in the rule and not \_\_\_\_\_ out the principle.
- 3. Within the Church a \_\_\_\_\_ has to set standards, or rules, of holiness that are based upon Biblical principles.
  - a. God has given this \_\_\_\_\_ to the ministry in order to help the Church.
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the*

*Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."*

- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."*

4. Rules may \_\_\_\_\_; principles \_\_\_\_\_ do.

## II. The Old Testament Definition of Holiness.

- A. In every instance of use the word means "\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (to respect greatly or set apart for holy use)."

### B. Scripture references

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *"Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ *"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ *"Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever."*
5. \_\_\_\_\_ *"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."*
6. \_\_\_\_\_ *"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."*

### III. The New Testament Definitions of Holiness

#### A. Six different meanings:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *"In **holiness** and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."* \_\_\_\_\_  
*"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true **holiness**."*
  - a. Defined: Piety as it relates to \_\_\_\_\_ statutes and relations.
    - i. Piety – *Fidelity; dutifulness to natural obligations.*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *"And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or **holiness** we had made this man to walk?"*
  - a. Defined: \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ *"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of **holiness**, by the resurrection from the dead:"* \_\_\_\_\_ *"Having therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting **holiness** in the fear of God."* \_\_\_\_\_ *"To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in **holiness** before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."*
  - a. Defined: Quality of sacredness relating to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. True holiness inside will \_\_\_\_\_ itself through outward moral actions.
    - ii. To be immoral is to be \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"*

- aa. The body is the temple of God and as such should be treated with reverence and respect. God cannot and will not \_\_\_\_\_ in an \_\_\_\_\_ temple.
  - bb. When immorality occurs it is as if you are \_\_\_\_\_ that action in the house of God.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ *"I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto **holiness**."* \_\_\_\_\_ *"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto **holiness**, and the end everlasting life."* \_\_\_\_\_ *"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto **holiness**."*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *"Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and **holiness** with sobriety."* \_\_\_\_\_. *"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed Follow peace with all men, and **holiness**, without which no man shall see the Lord:"*
  - a. Defined: A state of \_\_\_\_\_ or that which \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ *"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh **holiness**, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;"*

- a. Defined: Suitably or properly \_\_\_\_\_ to the man, places, actions or things sacred to God.
  - i. The pulpit, platform, and altar areas of the church are \_\_\_\_\_ to God. To allow ungodly people or things to be used thereon is a \_\_\_\_\_ of things sacred to God.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ *"For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his **holiness**."*

- a. Defined: State of \_\_\_\_\_ in a moral sense.
  - i. Holiness of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \* Upon deeper study, the original Greek states that this type of holiness refers to *"things which would be insane to question."*