

HOLINESS – a League of Extraordinary People

I Peter 1:14-16

THE POINT: You were created, and the Church has been designed, to illustrate the extraordinary character of God. In a word that is _____.

1. The d _____ of holiness – I Peter 1:16
Hebrews 12:14
Isaiah 6:1-5
2. The d _____ of holiness – I Corinthians 10:1-14, 31
Exodus 19:5-6
I Peter 2:9
Ephesians 2:19-22
3. The d _____ of holiness – I Corinthians 10:1-14
'teach a truth...give a _____'

<u>Four tests</u>	<u>Four responses</u>
1) 40 days without Moses	* I _____ (v.7)
2) Immoral neighbors	* I _____ (v.8)
3) No food or water	* I _____ (v.9)
4) Bad report from spies	* I _____ (v.10)

Hebrews 12:10b-11
II Corinthians 13:5 (the self-examination)

Response – being 'doers' of the Word (James 1:22):

- Accept your calling...
- Embrace God's process...
- Pursue His holiness...

Scripture Texts:

I Peter 1:14-16

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

I Corinthians 10:1-14

¹ For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

¹⁴ Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

Hebrews 12:10b-11

God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?