Don't waste your life: Live HOLY

Living Radically Different - The importance of a living HOLY like our Father

1 Peter 1:14-16

Introduction:

Psalm 5:5b Thou dost hate all who do iniquity.

Psalm 7:11b KJV God is angry with the wicked every day.

Habakkuk 1:13a Thine eyes are too pure to approve evil,

And Thou canst not look on wickedness with favor

A HOLY LIFE

14 As obedient children,

do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,

15 but like the Holy One who called you,

be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

16 because <u>it is written,</u>

"You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 John 1:5b God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

1 Samuel 2:2a There is no one holy like the Lord, Indeed, there is no one besides Thee,

1 John 3:2 when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

#1 Living Holy means you live UNIQUELY as a Christian 14

1st Living uniquely means you <u>OBEY</u> your Father

Ephesians 2:2 the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 5:6 the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

Romans 6:17 you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

2nd Living uniquely means you live <u>DIFFERENT</u> than you used to

Romans 12:2 -do not be conformed to this world

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul

Romans 7:15 I am doing the very thing I hate.

#2 Living Holy means you live LIKE God 15

1st You live like God because He SAVED you

[1] The general external call

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest

Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to
gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

John 5:40 and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life

[2] The internal efficacious call

John 6:44 No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent me draws Him.

Romans 8:30 ...whom He predestined, these He also called...

2 Timothy 1:9 Who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling,

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 ... God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

14 And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ..

2nd You live like God because He <u>COMMANDS</u> and <u>ENABLES</u> you to

- [1]-You will increasingly HATE sin [God's purity]
- [2]-You will be <u>SET APART</u> for Christ [God's uniqueness]
- [3]-You will <u>DESIRE</u> Him more than life [God's beauty]

3rd You live like God in **EVERYTHING** you say and do

1 Peter 2:12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

#3 Living holy is a CERTAINTY for every true Christian 16

1st A holy life was <u>PREDICTED</u> for God's people in the Word of God

Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.11:44 'For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy. 20:7 'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.

2nd A holy life will BECOME a reality for every believer

3rd A holy life <u>REFLECTS</u> God continually

Grow in your love for God's Holiness; His beauty, purity and uniqueness