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PERFECTING OUR HOLINESS
2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

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2 Cor. 7:1 *Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.* (ESV)

1. Remember _____ (v.1a)

2. Pursue _____ (v.1b)

3. Maintain _____ (v.1c)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Timothy 4:7-8**. God's word says godliness is valuable now and forever. Looking back, how have you seen obedience to God's truth pay off in real, practical ways in your life?
2. Read **Matthew 6:19-21**. Although Jesus here doesn't describe these heavenly rewards in detail, what about his words makes the pursuit of eternal treasure so motivating, even when we don't fully envision what those rewards will be?
3. Read **Psalms 24:3-4**. When you think about the integrity of harmonizing your outward actions and inward thoughts, what challenges come to mind? Why is it often so difficult?
4. Read **Ephesians 4:22-24**. What practical steps can you take this week to guard your mind from ungodly influences and to renew your thinking so it reflects more of God's truth?
5. Read **Hebrews 12:28-29**. Why do you think we tend to tame or "domesticate" our view of God, and how does recovering a biblical view of his holiness and power reshape your pursuit of godliness?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 22-12 – **Aiming for "Well Done"**
Msg. 24-27 – **Motivated by Our Sanctifying Effect**
Msg. 11-02 – **A Radically Different Identity**
Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**
Msg. 14-42 – **A New Year of Faithfulness in a World of Apostasy**
Msg. 16-29 – **Worldly Comforts & Godly Sacrifices**
Msg. 23-21 – **Caring About What Matters Most**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Nov. 9th Jer.51-52 & Heb.6
Nov. 10th Lam.1-2 & Heb.7
Nov. 11th Lam.3-5 & Heb.8
Nov. 12th Ezk.1-3 & Heb.9
Nov. 13th Ezk.4-6 & Heb.10:1-23
Nov. 14th Ezk.7-9 & Heb.10:24-39
Nov. 15th Ezk.10-12 & Heb.11:1-19
Nov. 16th Ezk.13-15 & Heb.11:20-40

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

DeYoung, Kevin. **The Hole in Our Holiness**. Crossway, 2012.
Epp, Theodore H. **Present Labor and Future Rewards: The Believer, His Sin, Conduct & Rewards**. BTTB, 1960.
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Hughes, R. Kent. **Set Apart: Calling a Worldly Church to a Godly Life**. Crossway, 2003.
Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.
Murray, Andrew. **Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness**. Bethany House, 2001.
Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.
_____. **Rediscovering Holiness**. Servant Publications, 1999.
Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.
Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.
Thomas, Derek, ed. **Zeal for Godliness**. EP Books, 2012.
Thoenes, K. Erik. **Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love**. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.
Veith, Gene Edward. **Loving God with All Your Mind**. Crossway, 2003.