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Holy  
Living

# RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

God's people are called to be holy and sanctified. It is quite an expectation, and many believe it's an unrealistic one. The truth is that without the power of the Holy Spirit, holiness is not possible. When we come to a point of complete surrender to the Lordship of Jesus in our lives holiness (sanctification) is the fruit of that decision.

This does not mean living a holy life is easy. Holy living does not come naturally and we cannot do anything to be holy on our own. Holiness comes from God alone, and we can only live holy lives because of God's love through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

So what does it mean to live a holy life? It means making decisions on a daily basis that are aligned with God's character and Kingdom purposes. It means allowing the Holy Spirit to come into our lives to purify us from all that displeases God. For the Christian, living a holy life is not just an option. It is an essential part of God's plan for his people and his Church.

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