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Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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Romans 12:1-8

Two years after my conversion at age 8, I heard the pastor talk about living a life of holiness. Honestly, I do not remember his sermon, but I remember the tug on my heart to live a holy life. He called it sanctification. I have attempted to understand not only the word, but the lifestyle it calls me to live.

Basically, a life of holiness through sanctification is a life lived separate from willful sin? a consecrated life lived by yielding everything to God, and allowing Him to cleanse the heart, readiness for ministry adventures that He constantly makes available.

I read the following anonymous prayer in Jan Karon's book, *Patches of Godlight*, and it has become my prayer on the road to holiness: "Almighty and Eternal God, so draw my heart to You, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto You; and then use me, I pray, as You will, and always to Your glory, and the welfare of Your people. . . . Amen."*

* *Patches of Godlight* by Jan Karon (New York: Penguin Books, 2002).

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