



A Parable of Holiness

A young college student was away at college. For the first time she was away from her home, family, friends, and church. She had been raised in a Christian home. Her father was a godly man who instilled in his daughter biblical values and the importance of a relationship with God. She had also been taught the importance of living a godly life.

But what would she do now without the influence of family, godly friends, or her church.

At a college dorm party one night, one of the young men took notice of this young impressionable student. He did his best to tempt her, and to have her do things she knew were wrong.

What's the matter?" he asked. No one will see you. Everyone is doing it. Who is it going to hurt? He scoffed.

The young lady responded, My father.

Will your father hurt you? The boy asked

No, I am afraid I will hurt him.

The young lady understood, that living a godly life is not about what we don't do. It's about living in relationship to our Father and understanding He has so much more in store for us than this world offers.

"Be holy, for I am holy"

**** May Bible Readings ****

Sunday: **1 Corinthians 11-12**

Monday: **Exodus 1-4**

Tuesday: **1 Samuel 16-20**

Wednesday: **Psalms 39-41**

Thursday: **Job 27-28**

Friday: **Jeremiah 7-11**

Saturday: **Mark 7-8**



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**** Sermon Notes ****

Hope For When Life Is Hard Sermon Series Pt 3 Hope Through Holiness

1 Peter 1:13-21

When life is hard, remember your position in Christ and then practice what you have in Christ.

INTRODUCTION: How ought we to live when life hurts

ILLUSTRATION: My First Speeding Ticket

When going through problems, remember your position in Christ and then practice what you have in Christ.

Question # 1: How do you respond to the hard times?

BE HOPEFUL (13-14) in verse 13. **Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope ...**

When we set our hope on Jesus return, it gives us courage to carry on. It motivates us to want to live our lives accordingly.

Peter now gives us two ways that we can remain hopeful.

1. Be intentional in your mind.
2. Live Self Controlled lives.

Question #2: What happens in our lives when we don't really expect Christ to come soon?

BE HOLY (15-16) We're given two ways to grow in our holiness in verse 14. You won't drift toward holiness. You're going to have to go after it.

1. Live to please your Father. Living in holiness, is not living in legalism. It is living to please your Father who wants you to enjoy all HE has to give you.
2. Don't live like you used to live.

Question #3: What is your biggest struggle with holiness?

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