

There is no doubt, Jesus is coming soon. Are you ready to stand before our Holy Savior?

We are called to be a holy people.

In fact that is a command; “Be thou holy as I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:16.

I know that’s easy to say though the reality is much more involved. How to live holy takes time and serious reflection. Before going forward let’s go to scripture for our foundation.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; **it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

Matthew 12:34 (NKJV)

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? **For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

Matthew 15:18 (NKJV)

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

Proverbs 15:14 (NKJV)

The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,

But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness

Psalms 19:14 (NKJV)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

As the Lord judges the thoughts and intents of the heart it is obvious to Him as to who we serve. So as we judge ourselves we must take in account not only our words and actions but our thoughts as well. This is all part of the process of “Be thou holy as I am holy.”

We serve our thoughts. Circumstances will never change until you switch from worldly thinking to righteous thinking.

Remember; you are not alone. You have the Word of God which is the thoughts of God. You have the Holy Spirit to strengthen, teach and guide you and you have the Mind of Christ. Be constant in praise and worship for God’s presence will push aside those worldly thoughts and line you up with His thinking. Then God becomes the biggest and foremost thing in your life.

When you read and meditate on the Word of God, it is planted into your reborn spirit which is the heart of you. The more time you spend in God's Word, the more you are building up and fortifying your spirit man.

If you want to *analyze* where you are spiritually, *listen* to the words your mouth is saying. Are the things you say of God or of the world? The world's ways and God's ways are diametrically opposed. It is the Word of God that that is your plumb line.

Reading in the Word daily is crucial to your spiritual growth and living holy. Personally, I like to ask the Holy Spirit where He would like me to read in the Word before I begin my reading. I decree and declare Psalm 119:18 over myself before I begin. "Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things in your Word." I read the bible expecting revelation in His Word daily. After all, He is revelation, Himself.

When you make a habit to actually listen to the words your mouth is saying, you will see where you need to build yourself up in His Word on your path to holiness.

Add to this the analyzing of your thoughts. This is a very important key. Do your thoughts measure up to God's thoughts? After all we have the Mind of Christ. How do we do this? Colossians 10:3 tells us.

Colossians 3:10 -14 (KJV)

and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him:

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, Compassion, Kindness, Humbleness of mind, Gentleness, Long-suffering; Tolerating one another, and Forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, you do also. And above all these things put on Love, which is the bond of perfectness.

With this scripture in mind we can edit our thoughts

(2 Corinthians 10:5) “Casting down vain imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Ask yourself, “does that thought come in line with God’s Love, His Longsuffering, His Tolerance, His Gentleness (means restrained power), His Compassion?” If not, replace that thought with God’s thought on the matter.

We, the Church, His Bride, His Body, must clothe ourselves with the very character of our Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:10-14) and wear His virtues as our covering. Clothing ourselves with all the holiness and virtues of Jesus is how we, His bride appear

before Him without spot or blemish. (**2 Peter 3:14**) It is often thought amongst the believers that it means a state of sinlessness, true, but that's only part of it. It's more than that, (**1 Cor 13:1-13**) we are to assume and wear the very character of God Himself. That is how we become uniquely the same, holy and without blame.

As you read the scripture below take the time to analyze your thoughts, words and actions and see how they line up with scripture. It will give you an insight on the areas you need to work on. Plant the Word in your heart that builds up those weak areas. It's similar to building up muscle strength. It doesn't happen over night. It takes practice and determination.

Will you fall short in some areas? That is more than likely. The deciding factor is perseverance. When falling short of the mark, repent, receive forgiveness, then move on.

Don't let yesterday's failures stop today's growth.

1 Timothy 6:11 (KJV)

But you, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**

1 Timothy 6:14 (KJV)

that you keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

What you are thinking IS who you are serving. Are you serving the world in your thought life or are you serving the scripture promises of God regarding those problems? Are you caught up in worldly thoughts or the Living Words of our Living God?

Every thought gives you a choice. Holy, without blame or the foolishness of this world? Choose wisely.