*THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS* by Jerry Bridges

**Chapter Two – “The Holiness of God” -1 Peter 1:15-16**

“God has called every Christian to a holy life. There are no exceptions to this call. It is not a call only to pastors, missionaries, and a few dedicated Sunday school teachers. Every Christian of every nation, whether rich or poor, learned or unlearned, influential or totally unknown, is called to be holy.” pg. 9

***“but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.” (1 Peter 1:15-16NASB)***

**T** his command for us to live a holy life is based on the fact that God Himself is holy. pg.9

**H** oliness is not a call for us to be like those around us, but instead a call to be like Himself. pg.9

**E** ven though we know this, we must first understand the very nature of God’s holy character.

**H** oliness is one of God’s attributes. It describes both His majesty, purity and moral perfection.

**O** f all of His divine attributes, it is the most important because it is the core of His very being.

**L** ittle do we realize that God’s holiness is infinitely above and beyond all of His creation. pg.10

**I** ncomparable to anyone or anything, God is wholly perfect and absolutely absent from all evil.

**N** ever has He done anything wrong. His thoughts & actions are consistent with His character.

**E** ven though we do not always act consistently with our character, God always does! pg.11

**S** o, we must accept by faith that God’s actions toward us in trials are always perfect and just.

**S** o often we are tempted to question God’s actions and complain that He is unfair in His treatment of us. This is the devil’s lie…Because He is holy, ALL His actions are holy. pg.11

**O** how we ought to praise God for His holiness instead of complaining and questioning it. pg.12

**F** or God’s holiness must be both acknowledged and applied in every season of our lives.

**G** od doesn’t accept the excuse, “Well, that’s just the way I am,” or “Well, I’m still growing in that area of my life.” pg.13

**O** ur God hates sin (Ps. 119:104,128) and we must learn to have the same hatred of sin He has.

**D** on’t think you will ever get away with your sin. God may judge the sins of His saints more severely than those of the world. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32NASB)pg.16

Ladies, do you justify your sin? Do you make excuses for your sin? Are you so accustomed to your sins that you have lapsed into a state of peaceful coexistence with them? Are you gripped by the fact that every time you sin, you are doing something God hates?God is Holy. He can never excuse or overlook any sin we commit, however small it may be. pg.13

“The holiness of God is an exceedingly high standard, a perfect standard. But it is nevertheless one that He hold us to. He cannot do less. While it is true that He accepts us solely through the merit of Christ, God’s standard for our character, attitudes, affections, and actions is “BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY.” We must take this seriously if we are to grow in holiness.” pg.17

Ladies, may our love for Christ and our hatred for sin continue to motivate us to make every effort to be holy! Christyn