*THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS* by Jerry Bridges

**Chapter One – “Holiness Is For You” -Romans 6:14**

…“We can say just as accurately that the pursuit of holiness is a joint venture between God and the Christian. No one can attain any degree of holiness without God working in his life, but just as surely, no one will attain it without effort on his own part. God has made it possible for us to walk in holiness. But He has given us the responsibility of doing the walking; He does not do that for us.” (Preface xi,xii)

“For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

 (Hebrews 6:14NASB)

**H** ave you ever asked yourself, “Does the Bible really have any answers for real life?” pg.2

**O** verwhelmed in your personal battle against sin, do you find yourself utterly defeated?

**L** isten! Whatever your particular sin problem, the Bible does have the answer for you. pg.2

**I** ndeed, there is HOPE! We can walk in obedience to God’s Word & live a life of holiness. pg.2

**N** owadays, the concept of holiness may seem archaic but God expects us to live a holy life.pg.2

**E** ven more importantly, God specifically commands us to be holy. (1 Pet.1:16/ Lev.11:44) pg.2

**S** o, is holiness equated with a series of specific prohibitions? A particular style of dress…? pg.3

**S** afely we can say NO! To be holy is to be morally blameless- separated from sin and set apart to God. pg.3

**I** know from the Word of God that to live a holy life is to live a life of morality and purity.

**S** cripture teaches us how we are to walk in a way that is pleasing to the Lord. 1Thess. 4:1-8

**F** or God says that our old self died with Christ and that we are no longer slaves to sin. Rom.6:6

**O** ur hearts know this, so why are we not experiencing personal holiness in our daily living? pg.4

**R** egrettably, the Church of Jesus Christ seems to be more conformed to the world than to God. Why? The answer to these questions can be grouped into three problem areas. pg.4

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**Y** ou and I have learned “that our attitude toward sin is more self-centered than God-centered”

**O** ften “we have misunderstood ‘living by faith’ to mean no effort at holiness is required” by us.

**U** nquestionably, we saw that we cannot categorize sin if we are to live a life of holiness. Sadly, “we do not take sin seriously.” pg. 5

Jerry Bridges says, “These three problems will be addressed in greater detail in subsequent chapters of this book. But before moving on, take time to settle these issues in your heart, right now. Will you begin to look at sin as an offense against a Holy God, instead of as a personal defeat only? Will you begin to take personal responsibility for your sin, realizing that as you do, you must depend on the grace of God? And will you decide to obey God in all areas of life, however insignificant the issue may be?” pg.7

Ladies, **HOLINESS IS FOR YOU** and for me! Let’s continue in our *pursuit of holiness* together!

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