Holy Living

Greg Kline · 1 Peter 1:13–21

INTRODUCTION

- Dads have a unique impact and a unique gift and responsibility from God.
- Leading children and even others in their footsteps is a heavy task, a large responsibility.
- God expects us to walk in holy living.

1 The Folly of Idolatry

Isaiah 44:8–20; Exodus 32

- This is one of the most direct circumstances in which God attacks the folly of idolatry.
- Is there a God besides me? There is no rock. I know not any.
- And the rest of it he makes into a god his idol, and falls down and worships it. He prays to him and says, Deliver me, for you are my God.
- This is against God's nature. God is a holy God who expects a holy people.

2 Idolatry Involves Sinful Worship

2 Chronicles 28:1–3; 1 Kings 12

- Idolatry is serious, but not just because of a block of wood, but because of what happened. It often involves sinful worship.
- He even made metal images for the Baals, and he made offerings in the valley of the Son of Hinnem and burned his sons as an offering.
- What characterizes Old Testament idolatry. Selfishness. Worshiping what I made, worshiping the God I want.

3 Idolatry Rejects God as the One True God

Deuteronomy 4:34–39; Leviticus 19

- It rejects God as the one true God that He always has been and certainly always will be.
- They therefore shall be holy as God is holy.
- God demands what spot and what spot only. First in our life.

4 Our 21st Century Idol Is Happiness

2 Timothy 3:1–5; Luke 9:23

- Our 21st century idol, I think you can say is happiness. Just like idolatry, it's characterized by fleshly selfishness.
- In the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant.
- But happiness can't be the first priority. God has to always be first in our life.

5 The Problem With Happiness: Justifying Sin

Proverbs 3:5–7

- We don't get to make up what God's messages. We don't get to make up his marching orders.
- The problem with happiness is we end up involving ourselves and others in justifying sin.
- Be not wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
- Our Heavenly Father makes the rules. He defines what is good. God's called us not to happiness, but to holiness.

6 Called to Holiness, Not Worldly Happiness

1 Peter 1:13–21

- God has called us to holiness, not worldly happiness.
- Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, you shall be holy, for I am holy.
- It means rejecting the idolatry of personal happiness and choice that says, I can do what I want when I want.
- There is great joy, there is great peace, there is great hope in what? In following after our Heavenly Father.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How do we make sure we're worshiping the one true and living God? Set our faith. Set our hope.**

MY NOTES