

# Anticipation

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#### **God is Concerned About...**

Our holiness (sanctification).

That we excel in this more and more.

#### **The Necessity of Holiness:**

Obedience follows conversion.

This is God's will.

God has called us to purity.

#### **Excel in This:**

Examine your life.

Remember this is a daily process.

Ask for help.

Keep a journal.

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#### Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What does it mean to live a life of holiness or sanctification? How is this different from simply following rules?
2. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that we should “excel more and more” in our walk with God? What might that look like practically in your life today?
3. How does understanding that sanctification is God’s will for us shape your motivation to pursue holiness?
4. In what ways can obedience be seen as a natural response to genuine conversion? Can someone claim to follow Christ without pursuing holiness? Why or why not?
5. Paul warns that rejecting the call to holiness is ultimately rejecting God. How does this warning challenge or encourage you?
6. What are some specific areas in your daily life where you feel God is calling you to grow in holiness?
7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping us live holy lives? How can we be more aware of and responsive to His guidance?
8. Looking back over the past year, where have you seen growth in your pursuit of holiness? What specific steps can you take this week to continue excelling more and more?