



PRACTICAL
sanctification

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Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.

Stages of Sanctification

Sanctification has a definite beginning at regeneration

Sanctification increases throughout life

Sanctification is completed at death

Sanctification is never completed in this life - heart check

God's role is primary

Our role is both passive and active, but secondary

Sanctification affects the whole person

1 John 5:18-21 [ESV]

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Motive for Obedience/overcoming temptations to God in the Christian Life

- 1) A Desire to please God and express our love to him
(John 14:15)**
- 2) The need to keep a clear conscience before God
(Rom. 13:5; 1 Tim. 1:5)**
- 3) The desire to be a “vessel for noble use” and have
increased effectiveness in the work of
the kingdom (2 Tim. 2:20-21)**
- 4) The desire to see unbelievers come to Christ
through observing our lives (1 Peter 3:1-2, 15-16)**

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5) The desire to receive present blessings from God on our lives and ministries (1 Peter 3:9-12)

6) The desire to avoid God's displeasure and discipline on our lives (the fear of God) (Acts 5:11; 2 Cor. 5:11; Eph. 4:30; Phil. 2:12; 1 Tim. 5:20)

7) The desire to seek greater heavenly reward (Matt. 6:19-21; Luke 19:17-19)

8) The desire for a deeper walk with God (Matt. 5:8; John 14:21; 1 John 1:6)

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9) The desire that angels would glorify God for our obedience (1 Tim. 5:21; 1 Peter 1:12)

10) The desire for peace and joy in our lives (Phil. 4:9; Heb. 12:1-2)

11) The desire to do what God commands, simply because his commands are right, and we delight in doing what is right (Phil. 4:8; Ps. 40:8)

Relationships

- **With God (identity)**
- **With myself (intellect, will, emotions, physical body)**
- **With basic needs (food, sleep, movement)**
- **Community (primary church, extended friendships, family)**
- **Birdseye view then dive in – (Holy or unholy)**

Calling

- **Do I know my calling?**
- **Do I know the gifts in me enabling that calling?**
- **Am I confidently walking in that calling?**
- **Am I investing in myself aligned with that calling?**

1 John 5:3 [ESV]

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.