

**Fighting the Flesh as the Children of God**  
**Romans 8:12-14**  
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Why should I be holy?

Since I have only one life to live, why waste it on holiness?

Your life is now hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3).

Now, *you must become what you already are*- Holy, set apart for God.

Have you ever tried to be someone you are not?

*'Holy people don't have any fun.'*

**So, why must we seek holiness?**

**We are under obligation to be holy v 12**

The flesh, our fallen nature, is seeking to steal our joy, and drag us down.

Mortification, the killing of the flesh, is strictly self-defense.

The presence of the Holy Spirit makes holiness possible, even inevitable.

**False Theories of Holiness**

It happens all at once, in a massive, life-altering experience.

It happens when we stop trying, and let God work. We are passive.

It happens in a crisis decision that elevates our holiness to a new level.

Your holiness will require some personal, spiritual elbow grease.

**Why must we seek holiness? Because we desire to life. V 13**

We want to continue to life the heavenly life now.

What are the deeds of the body that we must put to death?

Sin needs to be put to death in two places.

Learn to recognize sin and hate it.

Learn to set your hearts on things above;

Putting sin to death. What does that mean? (Col 3:5; Romans 6:12-14)

**Why must we seek holiness? v 14, Because we are the children of God.**

We are led by the Spirit. How does the Spirit led?

Why must we seek holiness? Because we belong to God.

Holiness is the joy of the people of God.