



“Pursuing Holiness” Series

Fighting For Eternal Life

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Review

- Wake up and FIGHT!
- Your spiritual journey is difficult, but amazing.
- What you meditate on – that's what you become....
- Fight in the Spirit – through the Word
- God is Holy – follow after Him
- Jesus displays His beauty through His death; meditate on Him!

Hebrews 12:12-17

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, *and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord*. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

A. Our Relationship To Our Flesh

vv. 12-13

- “lift up” – to restore to straightness, to reinvigorate
- “straight” – smooth
- “put out of joint” – wrenched out of (its proper) place

B. Our Relationship With Others

vv. 14-17

- The Urgency

- We have a need to see God

- We were created for God's glory

- Eternal Life is knowing God

- If we don't pursue holiness, we will never see God

- Key Words: Strive & Peace

B. Our Relationship With Others

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– The Need For Others

- God uses people to bring others to Christ
 - “God has a passion for souls, especially those who participate in the church.”
 - Think about VBT, Awana, Bus Ministry, maybe the person sitting next to you in church wearing a tie (seeking God)....

B. Our Relationship With Others

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- The Need For Maturity

- “Root of Bitterness” = Deut. 29:18

- People’s sins affect others

- Don’t be like Esau

- Repent!

Conclusion

- This all relates to being a child of God. Take comfort in the fact that God WILL give you:
 - Repentance
 - Hatred for sin
 - Fight against sin
 - Desire to help others
 - Ability to see the truth