

The word “Holy” is used to describe Jesus’ followers throughout Scripture. The full meaning of this descriptive word is that we’re something different, something completely “other” in contrast to those who do not follow Jesus.

We are recognized as being wholesome in speech, guarding what comes out of our mouths. As builders with our words and deeds not demolition experts demolishing others in our path. We are known by our desire to rid ourselves of the very things that seemingly motivate the world around us. Characteristics such as bitterness, rage, anger, envy, revenge.

In our overwhelming desire to imitate our Savior we strive to not even possess a hint of impurity. We do this because Christ’s Spirit within us urges us to be “living sacrifices,” “fragrant offerings” before God that we might please the One who gave Himself for us.

Do we always succeed? No!

Should we give up then? Never!

We pray, we seek, we learn, we trust, we submit . . . and in so doing we become strong in the Lord. Being overwhelmed by a “greater love,” we can do nothing else. “For you are God’s Holy people!”

“Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

– Dale