

“Satisfying the Hunger for Holiness”

Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • part 3

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

INTRODUCTION

- holiness characterizes God
- holiness is to characterize God’s people
1 Pet. 1:14-16
- holiness is more important than we realize
Ex. 33:3-4

- without holiness, there is no _____.
- without holiness, there is no _____.
- without holiness, God will _____.

- holiness is not perfection, but direction

“Pursuing the standard of perfection does not mean we can never fail. It means that when we fail we deal with it. Those with true faith will fail—and in some cases, fail pathetically and frequently—but a genuine believer will, as a pattern of life, be confessing sin and coming to the Father for forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9). **Perfection** is the standard; **direction** is the test.”
— John MacArthur

MAIN IDEA

Rebuke _____; receive _____.

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1. Rebuke the rebellious

- the moral problem in the church
1 Cor. 5:1-2
- the need for rebuke in the church
1 Cor. 5:5, 11-13; Mt. 18:15-17
- + right attitude:
Gal. 6:1
- + right goal:

2. Receive the repentant

- sufficient punishment
- “finish the play”

CONCLUSION

“People do not drift toward holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.”
— D.A. Carson