

# Holy Living = Living (W)holy

## 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

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Stand Alone Series

### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

For many of us, New Year's is about cutting things out for the new year so that we can be healthier. From dieting to exercise, cutting back on social media or other vices, we all agree the new year is the perfect time to begin growing in health. The apostle Peter had his own spirit-inspired ideas about what healthy living was all about; for him, Jesus is the key to more than just healthy living, Jesus is the only one who can help us pursue Holy Living.

## REALIZE

### 1. What should I do?

- **Scripture Reference;** 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 1:17-21
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - When Peter writes that we are to be holy as God is holy, what does he mean? How is this possible?

### 2. What did Jesus do?

- **Scripture Reference;** 1 Peter 1:22-25
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Why is Jesus unique in His ability to redeem lost souls? What makes Jesus different from other gods? What happens to me when I place my trust in Him?

### 3. What does that mean?

- **Scripture Reference;** 1 Peter 2:1-3
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - According to this section, what is the evidence in my life that I have trusted in Jesus? What is the meaning in Greek of the phrase 'Sincere Love'?

### 4. What comes next?

- **Scripture Reference;** 1 Peter 1:13-16
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What sins come the easiest to my personality—malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, evil speaking? How can I substitute these out of my life?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?