

**Holiness Is What I Long For**  
**WHAT IS GOD'S PART AND WHAT IS MINE?**

Men's Breakfast for October 2006

- Oct 06 What Is Holiness and Do I Really Want It?
- Oct 13 How Can I Move Out of Moral Mediocrity?
- Oct 20 What Is God's Part and What Is Mine?
- Oct 27 What Are My Resources and How Do I Use Them?

Holiness is becoming like Christ in motivation and character, seeking first his mission and His righteousness

Intro

- Satan tries to confuse us on our role in becoming holy.
- He wants men to be passive in their walk with the Lord
  - “Wait upon the Lord”
  - “Stop trying and start trusting”
  - “Let go and let God.”
  - “God does not help those who help themselves.”

God's Part

- Motivation, I Jo 3:16
- Call, I Th 4:7
- Example. Lev 11:44; I Pe 1:15-16; 2:21
- Strength. Eph 3:16, 20; Col 1:29; Phil 2:13; I Cor 15:10

My Part

- Adopt His agenda
  - Seek above every desire in life, Christ's reign (control, lordship) and His character. Mt 6:33
  - Decide to become both safe and sound, Mt 28:19-20; Col 1:28
  - Decide to die Ro 6:3.
- Take action. Eph 4:22-24; 5:1
  - Do not be passive.
  - Phil 2:12-13
  - I Cor 15:10
  - Col 1:29
- Make myself available to the Holy Spirit. 5:18-21
  - Daily fill up.
  - Start training. Eph 5:10; 6:13-18
  - Disciplines.
  - Where do I start?
    - Face to face group, Heb 10:24-25; I Cor 14:26-31
    - Memorizing, Heb 4:12
    - Daily contact, Heb 3:12-13

### An Example of Holiness

For Henry Parsons Crowell, the oatmeal king, holiness was exhibited in

- tenacious integrity when competitors vilified him,
- rallying Chicago business leaders to oppose crime and vice while exhibiting compassion on the victims,
- giving away 70% of his income for Christian work for 40 years,
- organizing a gospel outreach to 15, 000 families,
- helping to establish the Mann Act,
- chairing Moody Bible Institute for 40 years,
- without fanfare stabilizing the Institute financially,
- facing opposition without bitterness in almost every venture in which he engaged,
- conducting home-based Bible studies,
- holding business lunches with prominent leaders,
- and seeking to share Christ with those around him,

### Holiness in My Life

- How does the life of Henry Parsons Crowell challenge your life?
  
- How do you see holiness applying to your work life?
  
- What is a practice that you could try this week that would help you become more available to the Holy Spirit so He could help you mature in holiness? (You may draw upon the suggestions in the handout or suggest an original thought.)
  
- Pray for one another

