

# GROWING as a GROUP

## “#6 - Growing Holy”

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### Sermon Notes

#### **Kingdom Growth IS A GROUP PROCESS**

*And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.*

*1 Peter 2:5 NLT*

#### **Kingdom Growth INCLUDES HOLINESS AND MATURITY**

*Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

*1 Corinthians 6:11 NLT*

#### **Kingdom Holiness Describes WHO WE ARE And HOW WE ARE EMPOWERED TO LIVE**

*So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy."*

*1 Peter 1:13-16 MSG*

#### **I. Kingdom Holiness empowers CONTENTEDNESS without allowing US TO STAGNATE IN PURSUING GOD**

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

*1 Timothy 2:1-2*

*<sup>5-9</sup> So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm*

friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. 2 Peter 1:5-9 MSG

## **II. Kingdom Holiness empowers HONESTY AND HARMONY WITH OTHERS without allowing US TO BECOME CONTROLLING**

<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin" Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:22-32

## **III. Kingdom Holiness empowers PURITY without allowing ATTITUDES OF SUPERIORITY**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." <sup>18</sup> And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

<sup>7:1</sup> Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1