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PRACTICAL HOLINESS, FACT OR FANATICISM  
By E. P. Robinson

"Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." (Psalms 93:5)

There is a great deal of theorizing about the beauty of the idealistic life, but to most people it is only a faith image to keep in mind as we trudge along in this life with our sinful failures and human imperfections. Holiness in theory is one thing, and holiness in practice is another.

It is my contention that the experience of holiness of heart is the only thing that will set a man right with his God and with his fellow man, and keep him right until he dies and goes to heaven. The treasured experience of holiness was born amid the blood, carnage, gore and suffering of Calvary's Cross. It came to us at a great cost. It came to us at a great price. It cost Heaven a tremendous sum.

There are many who are misinformed and who have a warped and perverted conception of what Holiness means. For the benefit of honest seekers after truth, I shall give you the meaning of the term. It is the state or quality of being free from sin. It means moral and spiritual purity--it means sacredness, divinity and godliness. It is an attribute of God and a state of perfect love in the human heart. It is an impartation of the essence of God into the heart of man. It is what Charles Wesley called "God's double cure for sin." It is still the remedy that will dry up the sordid, fetid, malignant ulcer of sin that has its poisonous roots imbedded in the tender affections of the human heart.

If men were as afraid of sin and its slimy, colling, wiggling, serpentine influence as they are of the word "Holiness," Satan would soon have to close shop and look for another fallen planet to work his fiendish will. I believe that if men really know what the experience of Sanctification would do for a ~~man~~<sup>person</sup>--I believe that if honest men were really acquainted with the fruits of a holiness life, they would come over on the side of right and righteousness, even at an extreme sacrifice.

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It is not a religious sect or creed. It is not a fanatical demonstration of over-zealous religious zealots. It does not consist of stoical impositions on the human body. Nor does it mark its adherents by peculiar dress and anti-social attitudes toward others.

Holiness is a life, a daily life. It is the reproduction of the beauty and sinlessness of Jesus Christ in the lives of men here in this world. The experience of Holiness in the heart gives a man the victory over the carnal appetites. It delivers him from sin and self and gives him the joy and confidence and decency of knowing that Christ is the Captain of his soul and the master of his fate. After giving you the scriptural definition of the theoretic experience of Holiness, I shall attempt to tell you how it is reproduced in a man's daily life.

For twenty years, I have been closely associated with men and women who have claimed and lived the sanctified life. I have seen them under all kinds of circumstances. I have seen them under pressure. I have seen them in the hours of extreme sorrow. I have seen them in the grip of fiery temptation. I have stood by and held their hands as they changed worlds and passed out into that Land beyond, and after twenty years, I have this to say about a sanctified ~~man~~.

A sanctified man is an honest man. A sanctified man will not tell a lie. A sanctified man will not steal; you can give him a key to every bank in town and he'll never steal a penny. A sanctified man will not use profanity or take the name of God in vain. A sanctified man will not gossip or take up a reproof against his neighbor. A sanctified man will not tell vile jokes or engage in vulgar conversation. A sanctified man will not use tobacco in any form, or be a slave to any habit that will injure his health.

A sanctified man will not drink liquor, beer, or wine; not even for

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a bad cold; and he would be ashamed to be caught at the poles voting for the legal sale of that detestable stuff.

A sanctified man will not cheat, even if he knows he will never be caught. A sanctified man will not take the Sabbath day to joy ride and to do his own pleasure. A sanctified man is a law-abiding citizen. I will challenge every <sup>Law Officer</sup> ~~person~~ in the nation to show me one sanctified man that has ever been arrested for misdemeanor. In twenty years, I have never known of a sanctified man committing suicide, or a murder, or a homicide. A sanctified man will not play cards; he won't even play a social game of bridge. He will not go to the movie house or even slip into a Drive-in-Theater.

A sanctified man won't give fourteen ounces to a pound or misrepresent the truth to get the best of a bargain. A sanctified man will testify to his faith in Jesus Christ at the risk of his life and die by what he believes.

You say in astonishment, "Is there any such thing as a person like that?" My answer is, "Yes indeed." I have lived and labored and worshipped among people like that for almost twenty years.

That's not all about the Sanctified life. A sanctified man lives daily with a conscience void of offence toward God and man. He is a brother to Jesus and an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. His life is immortal and he enjoys an unbroken fellowship with the Almighty and will go to life with God and the angels forever when he dies.

A sanctified man is a man with a holy life whose hands are clean and whose heart is pure. He is at home in the Presence Jesus and happiest when he is worshipping his God. Heaven's highest approval is upon the life of the Sanctified man.

Sanctified men are the answer to this world's wants, wars, and woes.

It makes men love their neighbor as themselves and love God supremely.

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