

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 25—“Living Like a Royal Priesthood”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. If you wanted to be an Olympic gold medal winner in Running, what would you be doing to prepare? (*i.e. Area's of diet, exercise, etc.*)
2. Would you say that Jesus Christ was like a gold medal winner when it comes to the righteousness of His character? Would you like to be like Him?

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. Who was in charge of maintaining the Sanctuary while it was being used? (Numbers 8:19; Ezekiel 44:15)
2. What does God call us to be today? (1 Peter 2:9)
3. Priests were expected to cleanse themselves of sin. They were to have a pure and holy life! What does the Apostle John say about the purifying of Christ's people? (1 John 3:2,3)
4. **How is God calling us to separate ourselves from the world today? (2 Corinthians 6:16-18)**
“...touch no _____ thing.” “_____ out from _____ them...” Does this mean that our lifestyles will have to be very different than those of the world?___
5. **What should be cleansed from our lives?_____ (2 Corinthians 7:1)**
(*Sinful thoughts and actions should be cleansed out of our lives through Jesus Christ's power and grace—flesh and the Spirit*)
6. **What practical instruction does God give us about keeping our lives pure? (Philippians 4:8)**
Shouldn't this govern every single area of our life?_____ Shouldn't this be the rule when choosing our activities, music, movies, reading material and other entertainment?
7. **Who alone will be able to dwell with God in Heaven?_____ (Isaiah 33:14, 15)**
Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart for *they* shall see God” (Matt. 5:8). “Nothing that defiles” will enter Heaven's pure and holy gates (Rev. 21:27).
8. **What two natures are at war in people's hearts today? _____ (Galatians 5:16-25)** All the evil works that we see in the world today are the product of the sinful human

flesh. If we would see Jesus then we must learn to live by His Holy Spirit instead of the lusts of the flesh.

9. **Can we get away with feeding the sinful nature through our senses, and still have righteous lives? _____ (Galatians 6:7, 8)**

10. **What other practical instruction should Christians follow in representing Jesus to the world?**

_____ **(1 Timothy 2:9, 10)** We should not be trying to “deck out” ourselves with all the outer display of the world. Christians are not to be keeping up with all the “fashions” and adornment of the world. We should instead be striving display Christ’s humble character to the world. We should be attracting souls to Jesus, not attracting souls to ourselves through the love of display. The “braided or broidered hair” mentioned in this passage refers to “thin plates of gold” that “were often mixed with the hair, to make it appear more ornamental by the reflection of light and of the solar rays. Small golden buckles were also used in different parts; and among the Roman ladies, pearls and precious stones of different colors.” (Adam Clarke’s Commentary on the Bible). So, this verse is not saying that we shouldn’t fix our hair to look neat; instead, it’s saying that we shouldn’t be making an ornamental display of ourselves throughout our daily life. **Does God call His men and women to be modest in their dress?** _____ (this is an entirely different trend from the world).

11. **Does the Apostle Peter tell us the same things?_____ (1 Peter 3:3, 4)** *These instructions used to be better followed by the Christian church, but many have allowed worldly trends to creep into the church. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church taught, “Wearing gold, (by way of ornament), and putting on costly or gay apparel...ought never to be allowed, much less defended, by Christians.” (John Wesley’s Explanatory notes on the whole Bible on 1 Peter 3:3).*

12. **How were God’s people called to put away worldliness during the Old Testament times? (Genesis 35:1-4; Exodus 33:1-6)** Was God happy about the women in Israel showing pride, glamour, and sex appeal through their dress and adornment? _____ (Isaiah 3:16-23)

13. **What other important lifestyle instruction does God give his people in these last days? _____ (Hebrews 10:25)**

14. **How can we be sure to have a close relationship with Jesus Christ in these last days? (1 John 3:18, 22)**

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Would you like to live a life, by God’s grace, that will continually please and honor Him? _____

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