

A Classic Twelve-Point Profile of a Holy Person

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1. Holiness is the habit of being one mind with God, according as we find His mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing with God's judgment, hating what He hates, loving what He loves, and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word.
2. A holy man will endeavor to shun every known sin, and to keep every known commandment.
3. A holy man will strive to be like our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. A holy man will follow after meekness, longsuffering, gentleness, patience, kind tempers, and government of his tongue. He will bear much fruit, forbear much, overlook much, and be slow to talk of standing on his rights.
5. A holy man will follow after temperance and self-denial. He will labour to mortify the desires of his body, to crucify his flesh with his affections and lusts, to curb his passions, to restrain his carnal inclinations, lest at any time they break loose.
6. A holy man will follow after charity and brotherly kindness. He will abhor all lying, slandering, backbiting, cheating, dishonesty, and unfair dealing, even in the least things.
7. A holy man will follow after a spirit of mercy and benevolence toward others.
8. A holy man will follow after purity of heart. He will dread all filthiness and uncleanness of spirit, and seek to avoid all things that might draw him into it. He knows his own heart is like tinder, and will diligently keep clear of the sparks of temptation.
9. A holy man will follow after the fear of God.
10. A holy man will follow after humility. He will desire, in lowliness of mind, to esteem others better than himself. He will see more evil in his own heart than in any other in the world.
11. A holy man will follow after faithfulness in all the duties and relations in life.
12. Last, but not least, a holy man will follow after spiritual-mindedness. He will endeavor to set his affections on things above, and to hold things on earth with a very loose hand. He will aim to live like one whose treasure is in Heaven, and too pass through this world like a stranger and pilgrim travelling to his home. He will commune with God in prayer, in the Bible, and in the assembly of His people – these things will be the holy man's chief enjoyments.