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## **Action**

**Let's talk about that word action.** What about it? **I want you to take action.** What kind of action do you want me to take? **I want you to take two different actions.** What two actions do you want me to take? **What does my word say?** You want me to tell you what two actions you want me to take? **Yes, I do.** That will take some thought. **Yes, it will. That's exactly what I want you to do. I want you to think about taking action.** Why is that? **You won't take any action at all unless you think about it first.** Both of the actions that you want me to take involve my mind. **Yes, they do.** You want me to take control over what I allow myself to think. **Yes, I do.** You don't want me to continue to allow my mind to be conformed to the pattern of evil desires that are in the world. **That's right.** How will I take control over what I allow myself to think? **You tell me.** Well, I could start by eliminating anything that encourages or stimulates evil thinking in my life. I could get rid of everything that might feed evil desires in my heart and mind. **That would be a very good way to start taking control over what you allow yourself to think. What else? What other action will you take with your mind?** I will set my mind on the hope that I have in you. I will set my mind on you. I will set my mind on what you want me to think. I will set my mind on what you want me to do. I will set my mind on the life you have called me to live. I will set my mind on the person you have called me to be. **Yes, those are the thoughts that I want you to take action and begin to think. Did you notice something about my earlier question?** No, I did not. I'm not at all sure of what you mean. **I did not ask you what other action will you take next with your mind.** Why is that? **Why do you think?** Both actions of setting aside evil thoughts and setting my mind on your thoughts need to be ongoing and occur at the same time. **Why is that?** The only way to stop thinking evil thoughts is to start thinking your thoughts. Your thoughts will cleanse my heart and my mind. Your thoughts will help me to live the life that you have called me to live. Your thoughts will transform me into the person that you want me to be. Your thoughts will make me more like you. **Yes, they will.** Will you set aside evil thoughts and start thinking my thoughts? **Yes Lord, I will.**

*Lord, thank you for calling me to come to you. You have lavished me with your grace. You have given me your salvation. Help me now to have a heart, mind and life that are prepared for action and ready to live the life you have called me to live. Amen*

## Knowing God

*I Am Holy*

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

NIV 1 Peter 1:13-16

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So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

NLT 1 Peter 1:13-16

## Knowing God

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Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

NRSV 1 Peter 1:13-16

## Knowing God

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So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed. [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel]. But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living. For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.

AMP 1 Peter 1:13-16

## Knowing God

*I Am Holy*

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

NASB 1 Peter 1:13-16

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Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

ESV 1 Peter 1:13-16

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Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

NKJV 1 Peter 1:13-16

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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."

MSG 1 Peter 1:13-16

## Knowing God

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So now you can look forward soberly and intelligently to more of God's kindness to you when Jesus Christ returns. Obey God because you are his children; don't slip back into your old ways—doing evil because you knew no better. But be holy now in everything you do, just as the Lord is holy, who invited you to be his child. He himself has said, "You must be holy, for I am holy."

TLB 1 Peter 1:13-16

## Knowing God

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So prepare your minds for service and have self-control. All your hope should be for the gift of grace that will be yours when Jesus Christ is shown to you. Now that you are obedient children of God do not live as you did in the past. You did not understand, so you did the evil things you wanted. But be holy in all you do, just as God, the One who called you, is holy. It is written in the Scriptures: "You must be holy, because I am holy."

NCV 1 Peter 1:13-16

# I Am Holy

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Knowing God** – 1 Peter 1:13-16

**In Context:** Read 1 Peter 1

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for calling me to come to you. You have lavished me with your grace. You have given me your salvation. Help me now to have a heart, mind and life that are prepared for action and ready to live the life you have called me to live. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has God's word helped you to set your mind on the grace and salvation and new life you have in Christ?

**How has God's word helped prepare your mind for taking action to live the life you have been called to live?**

How is allowing God's word to dwell in your heart and mind strengthening your self-control?

**When are you meeting with God in His word so that your mind can be prepared for the action?**

How has God's word been transforming your heart, mind and life rather than the world conforming you to its evil?

How are you living as an obedient child of God and rejecting the pattern of evil desires in which you once lived?

**How do you want to be more like God as you come to know and love Him more every day?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

No longer live in ignorance conforming to the world's evil desires but be holy in all that you think, say and do.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to be holy in all that you think, say and do as you follow Him.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are no longer thinking, speaking and acting as you once did.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you be holy in all that you think, say and do because He who called you is holy.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will be holy in all that I think, say and do because you are holy.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I be holy in all that I think, say and do today as I follow you?*

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