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Like You

How will I be able to prepare my mind? What will make my mind ready for action? What will help me to be self-controlled? How can I set my mind on all that I have in you? How can I be obedient? How can I make sure that I am not conforming to evil that is in the world? How can I become like you? These sound like impossible tasks. **Let's start at the beginning. How did you begin to follow and serve me? How did you turn away from your old life? What made you tell me that you wanted me to be your Savior and Lord?** You showed me your love. You called me to come to you. You drew me near to you. You turned my life around. You turned my life upside down. I would have said that my beginning to love, follow and serve you was most unlikely. **Would you say that I began a good work in you? Would you agree that I have been changing your heart and mind and life? Do you closely resemble the person you once were?** You definitely began a good work in me. You certainly have been changing my heart and mind and life. I am unrecognizable from the person I was before I started loving, following and serving you. So yes, you have been and are doing a good work in me. **That's right.**

Who will you look like as you love, follow and serve me? I will look like you. **How so?** As I draw near to you, I will begin to think your thoughts, speak your words and do your deeds. As I live in your presence, I begin to be holy in all that I think and say and do. **Will this take a gigantic and herculean effort on your part? Have I set you up with an impossible task?** No, this will not take a gigantic and herculean effort on my part. **Why is that?** I want to become like you. I want to live as you lived. I want to do what you did. I want to think, and speak, and act in ways that are pleasing to you. It is the desire of my heart to become like you. I want to be holy in all that I think and say and do. **That is very good. This is the work that I am doing in you. I will make you able to do all that I ask of you.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I will prepare my mind for action. I will be self-controlled. I will set my hope on all I have in you. I will not allow my heart and mind and life to conform to evil in the world. Instead, it will be my utmost desire to be holy, like you, in all I think, say and do. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Be 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

Becoming Like Christ *Be Holy*

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

Becoming Like Christ *Be Holy*

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

Becoming Like Christ *Be Holy*

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

Becoming Like Christ *Be 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

Becoming Like Christ *Be Holy*

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

Becoming Like Christ *Be Holy*

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

Becoming Like Christ *Holiness*

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

Becoming Like Christ *Be Holy*

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

Becoming Like Christ *Be Holy*

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

Be Holy

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – 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?)***

Therefore, I prepare your minds I for action; I be self-controlled; I set your hope I fully on I the grace I to be I given you I when Jesus Christ I is revealed. I As I obedient children, I do not conform I to the I evil desires I you had I when you I lived in ignorance. I But I just as I he who called you I is holy, I so be holy I in all I you do; I for it is written: I "Be holy, I because I I am I holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16 (NIV)

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

Lord, I will prepare my mind for action. I will be self-controlled. I will set my hope on all I have in you. I will not allow my heart and mind and life to conform to evil in the world. Instead, it will be my utmost desire to be holy, like you, in all I think, say and do. Amen

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

What has God used to prepare your mind for action as you follow and serve Him?

How are you guarding your heart and mind and life from conforming to worldly and evil desires?

What motivates your desire to be an obedient follower of Jesus Christ?

How are you making it your aim to be holy in all that you think, say and do?

How has the Lord used His word to transform all that you think, say and do?

How has God's word made you able to resist temptation and stand against evil?

How strong is your desire to live that resembles that of Jesus Christ?

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

Prepare your mind for action so you can live as an obedient and holy child of God.

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

Have faith that the Lord will use His word to make you able to be holy in all you think, say and do.

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has been making you to be more like Him.

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?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you be holy in all that you think, say and do.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will be holy in all I think, say and do.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I be holy in all I think, say and do?
