

SPIRITUAL TASK—HOLY CHILDREN OF ISRAEL (Leviticus 19)

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Story And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.'" (Lev 19:1,2)

Meaning We are people of the Lord and as such we are vessels of His goodness. The more we choose to receive of His goodness and truth from the Word, the closer we move to the perfection of holiness from Him, regardless of those things of heredity and the world that keep us flawed in our lives. The Lord tells us to be Holy because we can be and He asks us to keep trying to move forward in the perfection of our character and love.

Task Perfecting something inside yourself is simply having the strength to make a change and then having the integrity to do it. This week start off slow with something that you want to have integrity about. It could be anything from being punctual to honoring your commitments or taking on a commitment and deciding wholeheartedly it will get done. In other words, make a real promise to yourself and keep it and when you have done that make a promise to the Lord and keep it. Keep your word to yourself and then get on the road to keeping your word to the Lord because that road is the road to perfection. Don't worry about the potholes on the road! The Lord is true to us when we are true to Him. As is we are reminded in 1 John "[we] know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His Word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. (1 John 2:3-5)