

# I AM HOLY

THE PURSUIT OF OBEDIENCE

**DISCUSSION GUIDE  
& 5 DAY  
DEVOTIONAL**



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## Summary

The sermon focuses on the **Pursuit of Holiness** through **Obedience** to God. Pastor Eric emphasizes that while we are made holy thru salvation, we must **actively pursue** holiness through obedient living. He explains that **obedience** is not just about following rules, but demonstrates our love for God and trust in Him. The sermon outlines several types of incomplete obedience that are actually forms of disobedience: ***Partial Obedience, Delayed Obedience, Disgruntled Obedience, and Rebellious Obedience.***

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word and what it means to pursue holiness through obedience, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive Your truth. Help us to be honest with ourselves about areas where we struggle with obedience, and give us the courage to make necessary changes. Guide our discussion and help us learn from one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Ice Breaker**

When you were a child, what was one rule your parents had that you found particularly difficult to follow? What made it challenging?

## **Key Verses**

- John 14:15
- Hebrews 12:14
- James 1:22
- 1 Samuel 15:22
- Romans 2:5

## **Life Application**

This week, identify one area where you've been practicing partial or delayed obedience to God. Make a commitment to fully obey in that area, and journal about both the challenges and blessings you experience through your obedience.

## **Key Takeaways**

- True obedience is immediate and complete, not partial or delayed
- Our attitude in obedience matters as much as the act itself
- Pursuing holiness requires active obedience to God
- Without holiness through obedience, no one will see the Lord

## **Questions**

- What is the difference between being made holy through salvation and pursuing holiness through obedience?
- How does partial obedience show up in your life? What makes it tempting to only partially obey God?
- Why do you think we sometimes delay in obeying what God has clearly told us to do?
- How can we distinguish between God's voice and our own desires when making decisions?
- What role does trust play in our obedience to God?
- How does our attitude while obeying affect the quality of our obedience?
- What are some practical ways we can practice immediate obedience to God?
- How does pursuing obedience relate to our pursuit of holiness?

## **Ending Prayer**

Lord God, thank You for showing us the importance of obedience in our pursuit of holiness. Give us the strength and courage to obey You fully, immediately, and with the right attitude. Help us to trust that Your commands are for our good and Your glory. May we grow in holiness as we learn to obey You more fully. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## **Day 1: The Foundation of Holiness**

### **Devotional**

Have you ever tried to build something without first laying a proper foundation? It usually doesn't end well. The same principle applies to our spiritual lives. The journey to holiness isn't about following a set of rules or checking boxes - it starts with something much more fundamental: our relationship with Jesus Christ. Just like any meaningful relationship, it requires time, attention, and genuine connection. When we prioritize knowing Jesus intimately, our desire to live holy lives flows naturally from that relationship. It's not about striving or struggling, but about allowing our love for Him to guide our choices and actions.

### **Bible Verse**

"If you love me, keep my commandments." - John 14:15

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## **Day 1: The Foundation of Holiness**

### ***Reflection Question***

How would you describe your current relationship with Jesus? What practical steps could you take this week to deepen that connection?

### ***Quote***

The pursuit of holiness begins with the pursuit of the relationship that you have with Christ. You have to get your relationship with him in order. You have to make sure that he knows you and you know him. PE

### ***Prayer***

Dear Father, thank You for desiring a relationship with me. Help me to prioritize our connection above all else. Show me how to draw closer to You daily, and let my actions flow from a heart that truly knows and loves You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## **Day 2: The Battle Within**

### **Devotional**

Every believer faces an internal struggle - a constant tug-of-war between our flesh and spirit. It's like having two opposing forces within us, each pulling in different directions. Our flesh craves immediate gratification and self-centered choices, while our spirit, guided by God, leads us toward holiness and eternal satisfaction. This battle isn't a sign that something's wrong; it's actually evidence that we're alive in Christ! Understanding this conflict helps us stay alert and intentional about our choices. Victory comes not through our own strength, but through surrendering to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

### **Bible Verse**

"For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do." - Galatians 5:17

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## **Day 2: The Battle Within**

### **Reflection Question**

What specific areas in your life do you find the battle between flesh and spirit most challenging? How can you better position yourself to hear and follow the Spirit's leading?

### **Quote**

Your flesh wants to do what your flesh wants to do. But here's what the Bible says: the desires of the flesh are against the spirit. PE

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge my need for Your strength in this internal battle. Help me recognize the Spirit's gentle guidance and give me the courage to follow it. Thank You for Your patience as I learn to walk in the Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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## **Day 3: The Power of Prompt Obedience**

### **Devotional**

Timing matters - especially when it comes to obeying God. Think about a parent calling their child for dinner. The child who comes immediately and the one who says "just five more minutes" are both technically responding, but their responses carry very different messages. When God speaks to us, whether through His Word or that gentle nudge in our spirit, our response time reveals much about our heart. Delayed obedience often stems from doubt, fear, or our desire to maintain control. Yet, when we respond promptly to God's leading, we demonstrate our trust in His wisdom and timing.

### **Bible Verse**

"I hurried and did not delay to keep your commandments." - Psalms 119:60

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## ***Day 3: The Power of Prompt Obedience***

### ***Reflection Question***

Can you recall a time when you delayed obeying God? What were the consequences, and what did you learn from that experience?

### ***Quote***

Delayed obedience is still disobedience. PE

### ***Prayer***

Lord, forgive me for the times I've delayed in obeying Your voice. Give me a heart that responds quickly to Your leading, trusting that Your timing is perfect. Help me to act promptly when You speak. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## **Day 4: The Heart Behind Obedience**

### **Devotional**

Attitude matters just as much as action when it comes to obedience. Have you ever done something you were asked to do, but with an eye roll or under your breath complaints? While you might have completed the task, your heart wasn't truly submitted. God sees beyond our external compliance to the attitude of our hearts. He desires cheerful, willing obedience that springs from trust and love, not grudging submission. When we understand that His commands are for our benefit and growth, our perspective shifts from seeing obedience as a burden to viewing it as an opportunity for transformation.

### **Bible Verse**

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." - 1 Samuel 15:22

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## **Day 4: The Heart Behind Obedience**

### **Reflection Question**

How do you typically respond when God asks you to do something difficult or uncomfortable? What might need to change in your perspective?

### **Quote**

Disgruntled obedience is still disobedience. Disgruntled obedience meaning, 'oh, I'm going to do it, Lord, but I ain't happy about it. PE

### **Prayer**

Father, examine my heart and reveal any attitudes that hinder my full obedience to You. Help me to trust Your loving intentions and to obey with joy rather than reluctance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## **Day 5: The Purpose of Obedience**

### **Devotional**

Sometimes we view God's commands as restrictions that limit our freedom or joy. But what if we saw them differently? What if we understood that every command from God is actually an invitation to experience something greater? God's instructions aren't meant to diminish our lives but to develop our character and lead us into the fullness of His purposes. Like a master craftsman shaping a masterpiece, God uses our obedience as a tool to transform us into the image of Christ. Each act of obedience is a step toward becoming who we were created to be.

### **Bible Verse**

"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." -  
Hebrews 12:7-14

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## ***Day 5: The Purpose of Obedience***

### ***Reflection Question***

How has obedience to God shaped your character over time? What specific areas of growth can you identify?

### ***Quote***

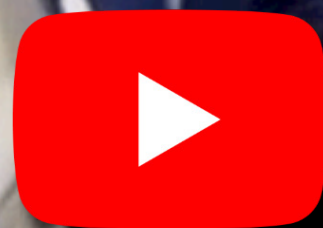
The purpose of obedience is discipline and training so that your life can be a life of holiness in God. He is not trying to take anything from you. He's trying to put something more glorious on the inside of you. PE

### ***Prayer***

Dear God, thank You for Your loving purpose in every command. Help me to see Your instructions as opportunities for growth rather than restrictions. Transform me through my obedience into the person You created me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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