

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HOLINESS

1. Holiness is the habit of *being of one mind with God*.
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.
5. A holy man will follow after *temperance and self-denial*.
6. A holy man will follow after *charity and brotherly kindness*.
7. A holy man will follow after a spirit of *mercy and benevolence*.
8. A holy man will follow after *purity of heart*.
9. A holy man will follow after *the fear of God*.
10. A holy man will follow after *humility*.
11. A holy man will follow after *faithfulness in all the duties and relations in life*.
12. A holy man will follow after *spiritual-mindedness*.

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