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II Kings 4:8-9, “⁸And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where [was] a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And [so] it was, [that] as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. ⁹And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this [is] an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.”

Elisha regularly passed by this woman and her husband in Shunem. She said to her husband that she perceived he was a holy man of God. I wonder what there was about Elisha that made him seem like a holy man? We are not told why she thought this, but we can think of things that we can continually do to be perceived as holy people of God.

Those of the Old Testament as well as us under the New Testament are told to be holy. Leviticus 19:2, “*Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.*” I Peter 1:16, “*Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*”

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We are commanded to be holy. The word holy in the Greek means “set apart” or “special.” The Greek word is often translated “saint.” We are to be set apart and different from the world. What are some things we can do to make ourselves holy?

1. **Attend services.** The LORD expects us to worship with the saints. Hebrews 10:25, “*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*” We should want to be at every service and eagerly anticipate worshiping the LORD. Would people perceive us as holy if they examined our attendance?

2. **Study.** We should study the Bible daily. The more we study the stronger our faith becomes. The way we obtain faith is by the word of God. We are told in Romans 10:17, “*So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” We do hear lessons, but each service we miss is a lesson that we do not hear, and therefore cannot add to our faith. Even if one is at every service, that is a little under four hours per week of Bible study. We need to study throughout the week at home. This will increase faith and make us closer to the LORD. Would one perceive us as holy by how much we study and our knowledge of God’s word?

3. **The media we consume.** It only takes a few moments watching a current TV show to see how morals have deteriorated. Music is full of lyrics that are quite unclean. Movies see how far they can push the standard. The Internet for all its conveniences, can quickly and easily take us down paths of destruction. Would people consider us holy by the things we watch and listen to?

4. **The friends we have.** Our friends greatly influence us. We are especially influenced by friends when we are young. Paul wrote about the influence of companions in I Corinthians 15:33, “*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*” The American Standard Version of the Bible translates this verse as, “*Be not deceive, evil companionships corrupt good morals.*”

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—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, and Denise Miller** (the sister of Sharon Franklin).

—The Sunday bulletins and Wednesday night Bible lessons are stored on our website. These are also on the church calendar as an attachment on the appropriate date. If you are not subscribed to the calendar and would like to, let us know.

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We all want to have friends— especially young people. Choose your friends wisely. Choose friends that have the same morals and eternal goals as you. If you have friends who do things that are sinful, it's easy to become like them. That is why Paul wrote this warning in I Corinthians 15:33. Would others see me as holy because of the friends I have?

5. Our speech. There is so much in the Bible about our tongue and it's uses. Proverbs has numerous verses about speaking wisely and speaking little. Proverbs 21:23, "*Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.*" Proverbs 13:3, "*He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: [but] he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.*" These are but two of the scores of verses in Proverbs alone that teach us about using our speech wisely and sparsely.

How can we learn to speak less and use our tongues properly? Proverbs 16:23, "*The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.*" If we are wise, our heart will teach our mouth and add learning to our lips. We see in James 1:5, "*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*" We pray to God for wisdom. This in turn will teach us how to use our words. Would people consider us holy by the way we talk and use our words?

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Sunday, April 7, 2019		
Classes	27	Hebrews 12:15-24
Preaching	33	Genesis 8:22 (God's Promises in Nature)
Contribution	\$1172.00	
Evening	20	Singing (Psalm 41:1-13)
Wednesday, April 10, 2019		
Classes	16	II Chronicles 9:1-31

Visitors— Apr 7 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was made in Jerusalem as stones?

Last Week's Answer— The sea (II Chronicles 8:18)

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We are to be holy people. Whatever Elisha did as he passed continually by this woman let her perceive he was a holy man of God. Let's live in such a way that those we pass by on a day to day basis can see we are holy people of God.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)