



HOLINESS

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"I desire to accomplish Your will perfectly and to reach the degree of glory You have prepared for me in Your Kingdom. I desire, in a word, to be a saint, but I feel my helplessness and I beg You, O my God! to be Yourself my Sanctity!" -St. Therese, *Act of Oblation to Merciful Love*

It is impossible to attain holiness by our own power. [REPEAT] The whole of Scripture teaches us that it can only be the fruit of God's grace. Jesus tells us: "Apart from me, you can do nothing." And St. Paul says: "I can will what is right, but I cannot do it." -Fr. Jacques Philippe, *In the School of the Holy Spirit*, p.14

For God, each person is absolutely unique. Holiness is not the realization of a given model of perfection that is identical for everyone. -Fr. Jacques Philippe, *In the School of the Holy Spirit*, p.18

[Holiness] is the emergence of an absolutely unique reality that God alone knows, and that he alone brings to fruition. No individual knows what his own holiness consists of. Holiness is only revealed to us by degrees, as we journey on, and it is often something very different from what we imagine, so much so that the greatest obstacle on the path to holiness may be to cling too closely to the image we have of our own perfection. -Fr. Jacques Philippe, *In the School of the Holy Spirit*, p.18

"The person God loves with the tenderness of a Father, the person he wants to touch and to transform with his love, is not the person we'd have liked to be or ought to be. It's the person we are. God doesn't love 'ideal persons' or 'virtual beings.' He loves actual, real people." -Fr. Jacques Philippe, *Interior Freedom*, p.32

"To 'set grace free' in our lives, and paving the way for deep and spectacular changes, it sometimes would be enough to say simply 'yes' - a 'yes' inspired by trust in God to aspects of our lives we've been rejecting. We refuse to admit that we have this defect, that weak point, were marked by this event, fell into that sin. And so we block the Holy Spirit's action, since he can only affect our reality to the extent that we accept it ourselves." -Fr. Jacques Philippe, *Interior Freedom*, p.33

"I know now that true charity consists in bearing all our neighbors' defects--not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues." -St. Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." -St. Therese of Lisieux

"I understand and I know from experience that: 'The kingdom of God is within you.' Jesus has no need of books or teachers to instruct souls; He teaches without the noise of words. Never have I heard Him speak, but I feel that He is within me at each moment; He is guiding and inspiring me with what I must say and do. I find just when I need them certain lights that I had not seen until then, and it isn't most frequently during my hours of prayer that these are most abundant but rather in the midst of my daily occupations." -St. Therese of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*

But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong. -2 Corinthians 12:9-11

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." -Ezekiel 36:26

"If through weakness I sometimes fall, may Your Divine Glance cleanse my soul immediately, consuming all my imperfections like the fire that transforms everything into itself." -St. Therese, *Act of Oblation to Merciful Love*