

## Study 0039

As we draw the curtain on our study of sanctification, we shall be looking at what to expect to see in the life of a person who is sanctified. This by no means suggests that we would have documented everything on the life of a sanctified man or, for that matter, on sanctification. As we continue to study the word of God and to seek to do God's will, we shall continue to be sanctified and the attributes we shall be discussing here, shall be evident in our lives.

1. **1 John 3:9-12**. The sanctified man cannot knowingly commit sin; neither can he continue in sin. Sin is against everything sanctification stands for, it is therefore impossible for a person who is sanctified to live a sinful life. But when he does fall into sin in ignorance, and the matter is brought to his attention, a sanctified man quickly confesses and forsakes such sinful conduct (he does not repeat sinful acts which he has confessed and forsaken). He does not argue with the person pointing out his faults, neither does he make excuses for his sinful conduct, nor does he rationalize it. He also does not argue with the word of God or the Holy Spirit, but freely submits to them. (**1 John 1:9; Leviticus 4:2, 3-12, 13-21, 23-26, 27-35; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:1-5; 2 Samuel 12:1ff**)
2. **2 Timothy 2:20-21**. The sanctified man is a vessel unto honour, able to serve God acceptably, and prepared unto every good work. He is the man God can, and will use to do His work. He is a person whom God can trust to do what He wants him to do, as the sanctified man's goal is to do God's will and please Him (**Psalm 40:8; Isaiah 6:1-8**)
3. **2 Peter 1:8-9**. The sanctified man is neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. He sees what others cannot see, and is constantly aware that he has been purged of sin.
4. **Joshua 3:5**. The sanctified man is a person who will always experience and partake of God's wondrous acts. He does not just demonstrate the power of God to others; the power of God really, is at work within him to make him a man of character, and it is evident to all (**Romans 5:3-4; Judges 14—16**).
5. **1 Peter 1:2; Romans 8:5-8**. The sanctified man has a strong desire to do the will of God and to please Him at all times (**Hebrews 10:7; Acts 9:1-6**). Also, the sanctified man cannot rebel against the word of God. Rather, than rebel, he takes the matter to God in prayer, and continues in prayer until his own will is brought into submission to the will of God (**Hebrews 5:8; Matthew 26:38-45; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9**).
6. **Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:17**. A sanctified man recognizes the import and power of the word of God in his life, and does not take it lightly or treat it with levity. He delights in it, and cannot make a move without first knowing what God is saying on a matter. Indeed, he cannot knowingly contradict the word of God, and if he does, and realizes it, he quickly makes amends. The sanctified man is indeed blessed in all that he does because he takes heed to the word of God (**James 1:21b; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:9-11, 97, 130-135**).
7. **John 15:2**. The sanctified man keeps on growing in his consecration to God, and in fruitfulness in the things of God. He is a man whom God keeps on pruning and purging, so that he can be more effective and productive in ministry.
8. **Galatians 2:20**. The sanctified man lives for Christ. He allows Christ to live through him by the Holy Spirit Who is within him, and thus Christ is manifest in his life on a daily basis. He does not seek his own glory, but the glory of God (**John 7:18**)!
9. **Galatians 5:16-23**. Ultimately, the sanctified man displays the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit are attributes of God manifested in the life of a man who has allowed God to work in him, and thus, live through him. It is important to note that all nine attributes that make up the fruit of the Spirit must be present in the life of a man who is sanctified; otherwise it is not the fruit of the Spirit. Please, also note that the fruit may be in various

stages of development, but ultimately, it ripens and such a man is pleasant to be with. Therefore, we shall see in a sanctified man:

- (a) The unfeigned love of God which translates to love for all men, regardless of ethnicity, tribe, race, gender, age, status, etc.;
- (b) A joy unspeakable, which is the result of Christ within him, rather than of anything that may be exciting to the flesh (**1 Peter 1:6-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-2**). True joy, also referred to as joy in the Holy Ghost (**Romans 14:17**) is not based on happenings or how we feel, rather it is manifest because of the presence of God in the believer in Christ;
- (c) A peace or calm that no man can understand (**Philippians 4:6-7**). This peace is present because God is present in that individual; and because God is not moved by what is happening around, the individual who is sanctified is also not moved. Indeed, nothing fazes the sanctified man (**2 Kings 6:15-17; Daniel 3:13-18**);
- (d) A display of patience, the kind of which can only be attributable to God. Hence, a sanctified man overlooks offences, tolerates the mistakes of others, and forgives with ease. He is able to wait for God for as long as it takes, and does not set deadlines for God, after which he will then take over and go ahead and solve the problem himself;
- (e) True compassion for others; the kind which is an extension of the love, mercy and forgiveness of God to the lost, and the weak. This kind of compassion brings about great miracles (**Luke 7:11-15**);
- (f) The goodness of God, not just in his life, but especially, through his life. He dispenses the goodness of God, and is thus a channel of dispensing God's blessings to others;
- (g) A faithfulness that can only be attributable to God. He is intensely loyal to God, and His cause. Whatever is asked of a sanctified man by God is done. Of course, where necessary, he takes advantage of the resource of prayer to deal with challenges against doing the will of God (**1 Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 26:38-45**). The sanctified man is faithful in small or big matters (**Luke 16:10-12**); therefore, he is set apart by God for special blessings;
- (h) Meekness, which is a gentleness that is beyond our understanding. It is not weakness, but a quiet kind of strength which manifests itself without physical force; and,
- (i) A self-controlled man. A person who is truly controlled by the Spirit of God (**Proverbs 25:28; 16:32; James 3:2-12**). Such a man is temperate in all things (he is sober, and sombre; not loud and brash) and is disciplined (there are no excesses in his life). **Proverbs 7:11-12; 1 Timothy 2:9-12**.

10. **John 15:4-7**. The sanctified man is a person whom God delights to have fellowship with. Indeed, both God and the sanctified man desire each other's companionship more than anything else (**Genesis 5:22-24; Hebrews 11:5-6; 1 John 1:1-4**). It is therefore no surprise that the sanctified man knows the mind of God, because of his closeness to God (**John 13:21-30; Psalm 25:14; Amos 3:3, 7; John 7:17; 14:17**).

The end result of a sanctified man is the anointing of God in his life (**Hebrews 1:9**). The anointing of God really is the presence of God in the life of a person (**1 John 2:27, 20**). If a man is sanctified, God will ever be present with him and in him (**John 14:17**); and this will make him a man who is indeed blessed with all the blessings of God (**Ephesians 1:3**). It is sanctification that marked the difference between Joseph in Egypt, and Samson: in the case of Joseph, God was with him all the way, both as a slave, and even when he was in prison; whereas, God left Samson, though he displayed much physical strength!

## **EXERCISE**

Please state true or false to the statements below:

1. Once a man is sanctified, sin in his life can be excused.
2. As long as a man is attending church, his sins can easily be excused.
3. A pastor is a sanctified man.
4. Before God can use a man, the man must be sanctified.
5. Working of miracles is more important than the fruit of the Spirit.
6. A sanctified man always enjoys fellowship with God.
7. You know you are sanctified as you manifest love for all men.
8. God's desire is to be with a sanctified man at all times.
9. God's secrets are revealed to sanctified men.
10. The anointing is the display of the supernatural.
11. A sanctified man is a disciplined man, and does not talk out of turn.
12. The difference between a 'Joseph' and a 'Samson' is sanctification.