

PSALM 101– A Psalm of David – A Checklist For Our Attention To Holiness In Our Lives!

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TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY – William Longstaff – Dallas Christian Adult Choral Group (2:01)

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone Abiding in Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

3. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, Each thought, and each motive beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

PSALM 101 – A Psalm of David - His Vow to Live a Holy Life! A Checklist for our attention to holiness in our lives!

Psa 101:1 I will sing of mercy and justice;

- David had a desire for holiness! Do I even have a desire to live a holy life? A “want to”! The LORD supplies the will to do it but then we actually have to do it! We see here a holy life just doesn't happen. No one attains and maintains a holy life without putting effort into it. We will see twelve things that will put a test to holiness. (**Php 2:13**) *for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.* Not forcing, He supplies the will to do it. The desire comes out of his love for the LORD, in response to God's *mercy and justice*. That motivation will never go away.

To You, O LORD, I will sing praises

- This comes from the desire of what He has done for us! He has done so much for me!!! I want to become more and more like You! That's the greatest motivation for our praise to Him!

Psa 101:2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

- That was a man who cried out, let nothing in my life hinder my life with You! It takes a passion to conquer a passion! The key is to love Him more!! That I can no longer live without it, depending on it for my survival!
- He is careful to make his home a perfect place! We can't control the world, but we can control our home! We must have a place to go to escape the temptations of the whole world, that our home is not a continuation of Pleasure Island! Is your home a place of holiness, a refuge from temptation? How safe is my home. Does it encourage holiness?

Psa 101:3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.

- Be careful to place nothing wicked or evil before my eyes! He doesn't want to explore wickedness! Protect your eye gate! (**Gal 6:7**) *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.* We do reap what we sow. It must be a self-policing thing!
- He purposes he will not come under the influence of the backslider (lukewarm, purposely carnal Christian)! Looking at it as something dishonoring God! David did not want to abandon God for what they abandoned Him for! For, power, recognition, money, pornography, 2nd home – You missed all of God for that? Almighty God on one side of the scale and a little pathetic thing on the other side!

Psa 101:4 A perverse (crooked, wicked) heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.

- Crooked heart- wickedness. Not allowing this, or these kind of people, to have an influence in his life! It's always easier to pull someone down than to lift someone up!

Psa 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.

- He separates himself from the slanderer – his ear gate from unholy things. Slander is a terrible curse, Only a victim of slander can really understand its danger!
He separates himself from those who have a haughty, prideful look! There is always a fall coming to those folks! (**Pro 16:18**) *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Psa 101:6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, That they may dwell with me; He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me.

- On the positive side - Be careful to surround yourself with Godly people – the faithful of the land! It isn't enough just to separate ourselves from unholiness! We need to separate ourselves from unholy people and to separate ourselves to holy people and to God! Iron sharpening iron! Do you have anyone in your life that challenges you spiritually, who makes you look like you want to be that? I learned something there! They handled that so Christlike! Christ is always our hero, but don't throw away godly examples around you, to be an influence in my life! What media is coming into your mind?

Psa 101:7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.

- Be careful not to let a liar be around you and influence you!

Psa 101:8 Early (in the mornings) I will destroy all the wicked of the land, That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

- Decisively and ruthlessly cut off all influence of wickedness or evil in his life – every single day, every single morning!
- Begin every day with a fresh commitment to holiness in his life to Him! **Let me not ruin today what you have taken decades to build into my life** – that's the heart of David! The heart of the Holy Spirit. That's the heart of a man who is all about holiness. There is that recognition that apart from God and building these kind of perimeters of building protection of holiness in our live, we could, in five minutes, blow away what has taken God decades to build into our lives!
- This psalm is priceless for a checklist for building and maintaining holiness in our lives! In Psalm 101 we can check and see if there are any of these that we are weak, or on shaky ground. Holiness is important to me, and I'm going to check and see what things need strengthening, attention and make necessary changes in my life! How valuable is this to me?

LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY - Oasis Worship (4.13)

*(Refrain) Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried, and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You*

*It is you, Lord Who came to save The heart and soul Of every man It is you Lord
Who knows my weakness Who gives me strength, With thine own hand. (Refrain)*

*Lead Me on Lord From temptation Purify me From within
Fill my heart with Your holy spirit Take away all my sin. (Refrain)*

*Lord prepare me to be sanctuary Pure and holy, tried, and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You
A Sanctuary for You (2x)*

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- Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY;
ISRAEL:**