**Responsibility of Sanctification**

*Philippians 2:1-11*

**1 Thessalonians 4:3**—*For this is the will of God, your sanctification…*

**John 17:17**—*Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*

**Romans 6:19**—*For just you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.*

**2 Peter 3:18**—*but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

3 principles to grow in Progressive Sanctification

**I. It is a process**

A. Found repeatedly in this epistle

**Philippians 1:6**—*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 1:9**—*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,*

**Philippians 1:25-26**—*Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.*

B. Its meaning

sanctify—"to set apart for a particular use, to make holy"

**1 Peter 1:15**—*but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;*

**1 Peter 2:9**—*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

**Hebrews 10:10-14**—*And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

**John 15:16**—*You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.*

**II. It requires you and God**

**Philippians 2:12-13**—*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

A. It requires work on your part

kataergozomai— "to bring about, produce, work something out"

1. Recognize the value of work, sacrifice, and repentance, and obedience

2. Doesn’t require constant oversight

**Philippians 2:12-13**—*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,*

3. Follow the Leader

**Philippians 2:5**—*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

4. Requires fear and trembling (awe and reverence)

**Philippians 2:12-13**—*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;*

**Proverbs 1:7**—*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

**John 17:17**—*Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*

5. Follow the biblical mandate

6. Understand what is at stake

**Philippians 2:15-16**—*so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life…*

B. It requires work on God’s part

**Philippians 2:13**—*for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

**III. It is a blessing**

**Philippians 4:15-20**—*You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*