

Take Time To Be Holy In (____)

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We are reminded of the words of James as we have just witnessed the passing of another year. “Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away” (James 4: 14). A well-known and proven axiom is “time flies”. Many are the things we intended to accomplish last year, but never go around to it. As we move into this new year, let's challenge ourselves to “**take time to be holy.**” “ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is

written, **be ye holy; for I am holy.**” (1 Peter 1: 15-16)

Take time to be holy by **speaking oft with thy Lord** in prayer. Jesus arose early in the morning before sunrise to pray. (Mark 1: 35) Daniel, under the threat of the lions' den, turned towards Jerusalem and prayed three times a day. (Daniel 6: 10) “Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 17)

Take time to be holy by **abiding with Him always.** May we pay close attention to our thoughts, words and actions and “Walk in the light as He is in the light.” (1 John 1: 7) Be imitators of Enoch of whom the Word

testifies that he “walked with God.”
(Genesis 5: 24)

Take time to be holy by **feeding on His Word.** May we “hunger and thirst after righteousness” as we heed the encouragement of Paul. “Till I com, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.” (1 Timothy 4: 13)

Take time to be holy by **making friends of God's children.** We are exhorted in 1 Peter 4: 9 to “use hospitality one toward another.” Let's resolve to spend time with one another as “in honor we prefer one another.” (Romans 12:13)