

# HOLINESS OF LIFE

Holiness - SANCTITY - is expected of every human creature of God. For sanctity was every human creature of God brought into the world. Therefore the path of holiness is for everyone to follow - not just for a certain chosen predilect few, nor just for those who live in religious houses or who follow a priestly vocation, nor for only certain races or classes of people. If we wish to be holy we must, however, place ourselves, as best as circumstances permit, entirely at the service of God, our Creator. If we wish to be entirely at the service of God, we must keep in mind the three following (and not at all difficult) rules of conduct:

1. The first rule is to do everything to please God. We must make this the general and particular intention of our every action. THIS RULE WORKS AS AN ATTRACTION - AS A RESPONSE TO THE WARMTH THAT EXISTS IN US, MORE THAN AS AN ACTUAL DETERMINED THOUGHT OR FEELING. Only if we love God properly can we comprehend this. Only if the fire of love (the warmth that exists within us) burns in us can we comprehend this. Only when we love God properly will our recollection function in us, and here we must clearly realize that we must be recollected in our hearts RATHER THAN IN OUR MINDS. The love of God does not exist nor dwell in the mind - THE LOVE OF GOD DWELLS IN THE HEART OF MAN. Take note: the mind is as "inconstant as the moon". The heart is not distracted. This rule adapts itself to everything we do, and it lets us do things in the ORDINARY WAY. The one who loves does not have to be told what to do - he always knows what to do.
2. The second rule is to attend to all things in a spirit of SIMPLICITY - never in a complicated, logistical, intellectual, forced, or artificial way. The one who loves performs all his actions with a free mind, insisting on them only in so much as they please the one he loves. The more he loves, the more does he apply himself to the task at hand, and all tasks are labors of love for such a one. Such a man acts in a spirit of calmness, doing things in due order, one after another, without undue haste or impatience and not as a matter of duty or obligation to someone. The object of a true lover of God is to do his work well and completely - all the time - not merely to get rid of a job that has to be done and gotten over with, but as a response to the call of love.
3. The third rule is to live with God as our center, letting nothing oppress or distract us, for then we will feel the attraction of the warmth of the Presence of God, Who quickens our every move. Our actions will instinctively all be done for, and in the complete service of, God.