

# Pursue After Holiness

by Thomas Brooks

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*Thomas Brooks emphasizes the vital pursuit of holiness for Christians, highlighting its importance and the challenges faced along the way.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 3:17, Matthew 5:8, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Ephesians 4:24, 1 Thessalonians 4:7, Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 John 3:3

**Topics:** "Perseverance in Faith", "Pursuit of Holiness"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the necessity of pursuing holiness, arguing that if the ambitious, pleasure-seeking, and worldly individuals strive for their desires, Christians should strive even more for holiness. He describes the way of holiness as the safest, noblest, sweetest, cleanest, pleasantest, and happiest path, encouraging believers to persist despite obstacles. Brooks reminds the congregation that God continues to show mercy despite their sins, urging them to remain steadfast in their pursuit of sanctity. He challenges them to consider the perseverance of Satan and the wicked, questioning why they should not also persevere in their quest for holiness.

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## Transcript

"Pursue . . . holiness--without it no one will see

the Lord." Hebrews 12:14

O sirs, shall the ambitious person pursue after his honors,

and the voluptuous person after his pleasures, and the

worldling pursue after his gain, and the wanton pursue

after his harlots, and the drunkard pursue after his full

cups, etc.; and shall not Christians much more pursue

after holiness?

O sirs, the way of holiness is . . .

the safest way,

the noblest way,  
the sweetest way,  
the cleanest way,  
the pleasantest way,  
the happiest way;  
therefore hold on, and hold up in that way.

"Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her  
paths are peace." Proverbs 3:17

We hold on in a way of holiness, notwithstanding  
all the rocks and obstacles and difficulties that we  
meet with in that way.

O sirs, in the face of all your sins and unworthiness,  
God holds on in ways of mercy towards you; and why  
then should not you hold on in ways of sanctity towards  
Him? Shall Satan persevere in his enmity against holiness?  
And shall wicked men persevere in their opposition to  
holiness? And shall formalists persevere in their neglect  
of holiness? And will not you persevere in your pursuit  
of holiness?

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