Revelation 3:7
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Holy: Set Apart

Am I living a holy, separate, distinct, set apart life?

Putting a Jesus fence around us.

That will keep anything that I’m not supposed to be doing or looking at outside the fence.

Fences are not just to keep things in, they are also to keep some things out.

“A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine.”
D. L. Moody
Chuck Swindoll - Holiness sounds scary. It doesn’t need to be, but to the average American it is. Our tendency is to say that holiness is something for the cloistered halls of a monastery. It needs organ music, long prayers, and religious-sounding chants. It hardly seems appropriate for those in the real world of this century. What words come to mind when you think of holiness. It’s almost as though holiness is the private way of life for an special group of monks, missionaries and martyrs. But nothing could be further from the truth

Joe Scrandett says this: As long as our notions of holiness are limited to doing certain things and not doing other things, we can go through our entire lives obeying the rules (or at least maintaining the appearance of doing so) without dealing with far more fundamental questions: Whose are we? To whom do we give our first love and loyalty?

To be holy means that all we are and all we have belongs to God, not ourselves, and that every aspect of our lives is to be shaped and directed toward God.

Ephesians 1:4 We are God’s own chosen ones (His own picked representatives),

He picked YOU to represent HIM.
Colossians 3:12–13
12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Revelation 3:7
7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”:

God always seems to take His time.

He holds the keys and He will open and shut the doors when He is ready.
I know your [record of] works and what you are doing. See! I have set before you a door wide open which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My Word and guarded My message and have not renounced or denied My name.

God can take what little you offer and turn it into something awesome.

Austin Stone Community church - Jesse decided to buy a house. He wanted his future home to be a place that God would use to further His kingdom.

Though Jesse was only 24 years old and didn’t have much money, (that’s that little power)

But God made it happen so Jesse and Rachel were married but this was their heart:

“He made it very clear to me that He didn’t just give me this house so I could have a nice place to live, but that this house was a gift from God—to be used as a tool for ministry.”

So they began to open their home each week for missional community gatherings.
During that time, their group would sing worship songs, pray for each other, discuss the sermon, and go through a devotional together.

However, they still felt conflicted and broken over the lost people in their lives.

So, Jesse and Rachel’s missional community group took action, incorporating a “third place” into their weekly meetings, in an effort to engage their friends who may not know Jesus.

Their third place was a neutral, safe, and fun environment where they simply hung out, played games, and got to know each other.

Usually held at Jesse’s home, they invited their lost friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join them.

Many people have walked through the doors of Jesse and Rachel’s home and experienced a biblical community that reflects Christ’s love.

As God continues to bring more people through the doors of their home, Rachel, Jesse, and the rest of the group have started a Bible Study that helps equip them to share God’s Word with the new friends they are connecting with at their third place.

“It’s exciting when you are able to give in that way. It wouldn’t be fun at all if we just lived in this house and used it only for ourselves”
you have kept My Word and guarded My message and have not renounced or denied My name.

**Nothing you are doing for Him goes unnoticed.**

**Jesus sees and this letter is His commendation to you.**

Revelation 3:9

9 Take note! I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and learn and acknowledge that I have loved you.

10 Because you have guarded and kept My word of patient endurance [have held fast the lesson of My patience with the expectant endurance that I give you], I also will keep you [safe] from the hour of trial (testing) which is coming on the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth.

11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one may rob you and deprive you of your crown.
12He who overcomes (is victorious), I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God; he shall never be put out of it or go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from My God out of heaven, and My own new name.

He who can hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).