

“The Holiness Code: A Respect for God and His Creation”
Leviticus 19:1-37; Deuteronomy 7:6-8:20; 1 Peter 2:9-12

- Respect for God (Holiness) in Finances (Leviticus 19:9-10 & 23-25 & 29).
 - (19:9-11): We need to be very careful to not desire abundance. To keep what we don't need at the expense of the sufferings of others. Abundance can be a very dangerous thing that causes us to be unthankful and lack generosity.
 - (19:23-25): Self-control and delayed gratification are important Christian ethics that help us glorify God in abundance and trust Him during difficulty. God should always be honored before we honor ourselves; this is true life.
 - (19:29): No matter the financial difficulty and hardship sinning is never a justified alternative to doing right.
- Respect for God (Holiness) in our Conduct (Leviticus 19:11-13 & 35-36).
 - (19:11-13): Keeping our word is incredibly important in glorifying God. Coveting and jealousy will eventually lead to sin; whether stealing or desiring, these roads lead to destruction.
 - (19:35-36): We should be honorable in all of our financial dealings. People of integrity. Desiring to never rip someone off or over charge someone for something.
- Respect for God (Holiness) in our Relationships (Leviticus 19:3 & 15 & 17-18 & 32-34).
 - (19:3): No matter our age we should honor our parents. It is pleasing to the Lord to honor those who are in authoritative positions and when appropriate, submit to their authority.
 - (19:14-15): We should desire to be people of justice and give no preference when it comes to administering justice. Wrong is wrong and right is right regardless of social status. We are responsible for our behaviors and should never be a respecter of persons.
 - (19:17-18): We should always strive for reconciliation. Harboring sin as opposed to addressing sin is always dangerous. We should strive to love even the most difficult around us. This is a mark of true conversion.
 - (19:32-34): We should honor, revere, and consider the words of those who are older among us. This is humble and pleasing in the sight of God. Our behavior among the lost is incredibly important. Holy living is a visual testimony of the power of God in our lives.
- Respect for God in our Worship (Leviticus 19:3-8 & 26-31).
 - (19:3-8): We worship God the way that God has commanded us to worship Him. We never worship God “our way”. Holiness is seen in desiring to honor God in obedience to God.
 - (19:26-31): Seeking spiritual power, insight, communion, wisdom, provision, comfort, or peace outside of the clear instruction of God's Word is an abomination to God. All superstitions and all other religious practices should be removed far from us.
- Respecting God's Created Order (Leviticus 19:19)
 - (19:19): Holiness is something being set apart. God created cattle according to their kind (Genesis 1:25) and wanted that to be honored. God wanted things orderly, because God is a God of order not chaos (1 Corinthians 14:40). God wanted His people set apart in everything that they do (1 Corinthians 10:31). We should always look different from the world. This also points to full devotion and only the priests wore garments made of two kinds of material.