



FAITH BASICS

Lesson 7 We Are The Lord's Holy House



When Jesus came back to Jerusalem to visit the temple (their church) he found men inside selling animals for sacrifices and trading money from different lands. And no one was being respectful! Jesus threw over their tables and said loudly, “My house is the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves!”



It really hurt him to see something that was supposed to be special, used for God, to be treated in such a bad way! Think about this: how would you



feel if you saw that someone was using a Bible as a ‘doorstop’ (to hold the door open?) Some things should just be treated with more respect!! OK, then... what about YOU?

“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it - not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit” (2Cor 3:2 The Message)

If you are also ‘God’s word to the world’ then you should treat yourself with more respect. His book is called the Holy Bible - why shouldn’t you be a ‘holy boy’?! Jesus was upset because people were treating his Father’s house poorly. But Jesus also said that he and his Father would come to live in our hearts and in the hearts of all who invite him in!

“All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.” (John 14:23 New Living Translation)

Wow! God living in our hearts, a part of everything in our lives!! That should make all of us want to do our best - be our best - all the time! This is what it means to be “holy”. Remember in Lesson One when we asked ourselves ‘What Would Jesus Do’? Well, here is the best reason of all! Because Jesus is right here with you, ready for the two of you to do things together! Maybe a good way to start each day is to pray, “Lord, what would you like to do first?”



Practice all your Bible memory verses and the special sayings you have learned. This is the best way to always be victorious as a follower of Jesus!