



# REFLECTIONS

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**But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**

*1 Peter 1:15-16*

## Set Apart

Dawn silently filters through the windows casting a quiet glow into the home. Only darkness is disturbed by its presence. Nothing about it seems much different than the dawn of other days, but this one is different. It is different not for its presence but for all that is to follow. For those things, this one is set apart. No other day will ever be like it. It is holy.

Holiness is a state of being that feels out of reach. Only God is holy we think. But if only God is holy, why did He ask us to be holy? Does God ask us to be something more than He made us to be? Isn't your life set apart from all others? No other will ever be like it. It is holy.

When one stops to think about the way they live, what do they see? When they pause to consider why God placed them on this earth, do they find that God has asked them to blend into the crowd, to become like everyone else? Or do they discover that God made them special, set apart, holy?

Day after day, we find ourselves in pursuit of food to sustain us, shelter to protect us, and knowledge that will help us grow. We see the successes others enjoy and seek to be like they are. And we rear our children to be the best they can be, all the while teaching them to be like we are. But our creator set us apart from all the others, and He set apart our children too.

Dawn silently filters through the windows casting a quiet glow into the places we live each day. So does your life. Each day may seem to begin the same. But this one is different not for its presence, but for all that is to follow. It is holy.

Today has been set apart to express love to someone dear and to forgive someone who has hurt you deeply. Today has been set apart to bring joy to those with saddened hearts and to feed those in need of nourishment. Today has been set apart to lead those who are lost, and to care for those in need. Today is set apart for those special things that didn't get done yesterday and to ask forgiveness of those you mistreated or overlooked. Today is holy—a day to thank God for the blessing of life. Today is holy—set apart just for you to be who He made you to be.

God set you apart from all others. You are holy because God is holy. He set you apart to bring a quiet glow of light into the world that only you can bring. He said so.

*You are the light of the world,*

*Richard +*

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