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(J. R. Miller, "Being Christians on Weekdays" 1912)

We are too apt to imagine that holiness consists in mere good feeling toward God. It does not! It consists in obedience in heart and life to the divine requirements. To be holy is to be set apart for God and devoted to God's service, "The Lord has set apart him who is godly for himself." But if we are set apart for God in this sense, it necessarily follows that we must live for God. We belong wholly to him, and any use of our life in any other service is sacrilege, as if one would rob the very altar of its smoking sacrifice, to gratify one's common hunger.

Our hands are God's— and can fitly be used only in doing his work. Our feet are God's— and may be employed only in walking in his ways and running his errands. Our lips are God's— and should speak only words which honor him and bless others. Our hearts are God's— and must not be profaned by thoughts and affections which are not pure.

Biblical holiness is no vague sentiment— it is intensely practical. It is nothing less than the bringing of every thought and feeling and act— into obedience to Christ.