

1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you..."



"Sanctify" or "Holy"

- That which is separate from the profane.
- That which is different or out of the ordinary.
- That which is consecrated or dedicated to God.
- To hallow something, or to make it holy.



What was "Holy?"

- A Mountain (Sinai)
- A city (Jerusalem)
- A building (Temple)
- A People & Land (Jews in Israel)
- Sacrifices (animals, etc.)



Numbers 6

Jesus was a "Nazarene" i.e. from the village of Nazareth.

"Nazirite" – one who is consecrated or devoted.







- God speaks to Moses
- Men or women could take the vow



Separated unto the "Lord" NOT unto:

a cause a church a church denomination a program a mission board a job, etc.



The Duration

"All the days..."

Determined by the person making the vow.



Nazirites separated "from..."

• Wine –



No artificial sources of joy

 "Where do you and I find our greatest delight?"

Politics, income, sports, etc.



Nazirites separated "from..."

- Long hair –
 a marked man
- "Are I willing to make a stand for Christ if it means I will stand out in a crowd?"



Nazirites separated "from..."

- Avoid the dead –
 robs us of our enthusiasm
- "What is it that dampens my enthusiasm for Christ?
 - Books; Movies; Web Sites; Places; People



OOPS!

- "If a man dies suddenly... the former days become void..."
- Some of us have made commitments we didn't keep.
- Do it again!



- Are there things in my life that I should do away with because they hinder my fellowship with God?
- Are there attitudes that I have that need to be changed so that He is glorified in my life?
- Are there things in my life that drag me down spiritually?
- Are there things that I enjoy and desire more than I do God and having a closer relationship with Him?



"Do I <u>really</u> want to know Him more?

