Matters of the Heart

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Be Holy for I Am Holy

To be holy is to live for God, set apart from the world and its desires in order to become a dedicated vessel for Christ. It is to busy ourselves with Godly affairs rather than trivial matters pertaining to our corruptible and earthly kingdom. To be holy is to be saintly. It is to struggle daily in keeping our focus on Christ, living every moment of every hour on guard and ready to fight the enemy who seeks to destroy us. For holiness is granted to those who struggle, and those who seek refuge in God and His holy church.

Those who attain holiness become the children of God and heirs to the Kingdom. They live out in fulfillment the purpose of their creation. They become God's tools by which He performs His handiwork, like a paintbrush in the hands of the Supreme Artist.

'...but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."' 1 Peter 1:15-16

Also read:
Leviticus 11:44-45

Dear Lord, set me on the path of holiness so that I may become worthy of Your calling.