



### **Rules For Living A Holy Life by William Law**

- (1) The greatness of human nature consists in nothing else but in being a channel for the Divine nature of God.
- (2) Love, wish well, and be compassionate to every soul in the world.
- (3) Be patient in all things.
- (4) Be meek at all times
- (5) Be humble in all situations.
- (6) Be wholly resigned to all of the will of God.
- (7) Never allow a lie to escape from your mouth or actions.
- (8) Always remember that if you have not chosen the Kingdom of God first it will, in the end, make no difference what you have chosen instead.
- (9) Do not want or lust for anything, but only desire the things you truly need.
- (10) Think nothing great or desirable because the world thinks it so.

(11) Be always fearful of letting your time slip away without some fruit; we are on this earth to choose where we want to spend Eternity. Don't waste your time seeking wealth.

(12) Avoid all concerns with the world, or the ways of the world, except where true Christianity requires it. Do not love the world, nor the things in the world.

(13) Spend as little time as you possibly can among such persons that cannot receive any benefit from you, nor you from them. Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 1 Corinthians 15:33.

(14) Fix it deep in your mind that you have only one important business in this life, to seek for eternal happiness by doing the will of God.

(15) Spend time in giving an account of your day, previous to your evening prayer, as to how you have spent the day.

(16) Always avoid all idleness.

(17) Do you really intend to walk in God's will today? Are you looking intently, and longingly, to be led by God's Spirit?

(18) Avoid all excess in eating and drinking.

(19) Call to mind the presence of God whenever you find yourself under any temptation to sin, and pray immediately.

(20) Avoid all evil-speaking. Abstain from every form of evil.

(21) Pray privately a minimum of three times a day besides your morning and evening devotions.

Please take this challenge and try to live by these holy rules. In so doing you will soon be brought to see your absolute need for Christ, not only to help you live your life but as Paul said, to be your life! If you choose to live by these rules, you will soon understand why Jesus said, "You must be born again." You will understand why this new birth is so important. Without this new birth of the meek and humble Lamb of God we will never truly be patient, meek, or humble in the practice of our lives, these things will only be in our lives once in a while. The will of God is for us to be like Jesus Christ.

The will of God is for us to be like Jesus Christ, now, in this life, if we aren't changed into new creations in Christ now, we never will be. In order for us to be born of the meek and humble Lamb of God, or, in other words, to become disciples of Jesus Christ, we must deny ourselves. Whenever we don't deny ourselves, we are denying the Lord of Glory. Remember 12 Corinthians 5:15 "And He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."