

Complete the following statement: When I was growing up, I always wanted to be just like ... because How did those thoughts affect the things you did in those early years, and as you matured? Who do you admire these days? What are you doing today in hopes of becoming the person you would like to be?

Those who fear God are **captivated by His holiness**. The scriptures tell us that God wants us to be holy as He is holy. So, our pursuit of personal holiness is deepened by a growing awareness of His holiness (Jerry Bridges, *The Joy of Fearing God*).

The One who is like no other

Desire personal holiness

Lifted up and sent

Personal Applications and Conversations

1. Most of us have felt we were unworthy of something. How does that sentiment describe your journey through life?
2. Describe where you are in terms of desiring to be holy, and what you are doing about it.
3. "I've also learned that progress in personal holiness must be built upon an ever-deepening awareness of God's holiness." – Jerry Bridges, *The Joy of Fearing God*. How aware are you of His holy presence? When have you especially been aware of God's holiness?
4. How have you experienced what it is to have a broken spirit and a contrite heart? (Psalm 51:17)
5. In what ways have you experienced God lifting you up to send you to do something, when you previously thought you were simply unworthy of such an opportunity (Isaiah 57:15)?



Captivated by Holiness

Luke 5:1-11

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