

Andrew Murray's *Abiding in Christ*
Chapter Nine

1. What is sanctification?

2. What is the distinction between righteousness and sanctification?

3. Murray stated that gratitude and prayer were not enough to live holy lives, so how is it attained?

4. Why is sanctification personally important to you?

5. How do you view the command to be holy as I am holy? Is it a source of discouragement, disappointment, a challenge? Do you see it as an impossible standard?

6. Why are some reasons Christians choose to sin rather than choose what they know God wants them to do?

7. What do you consider essential in sanctification?

8. Please share your thoughts on this illustration of sanctification.
The late C. S. Lewis once remembered, "When I was a child, I often had a toothache, and I knew that if I went to my mother, she would give me something which would deaden the pain for that night and let me get to sleep. But I did not go to my mother—at least not till the pain became very bad. And the reason I did not go was this: I did not doubt she would give me the aspirin; but I knew she would also do something else. I knew she would take me to the dentist the next morning. I could not get what I wanted out of her without getting something more, which I did not want. I wanted immediate relief from my pain; but I could not get it without having my teeth set permanently right. And I knew those dentists; I knew they would start fiddling about with all sorts of other teeth which had not yet begun to ache. Our Lord is like the dentists. Dozens of people go to him to be cured of some particular sin. Well, he will cure it all right, but he will not stop there. That may be all you asked; but if you once call him in, he will give you the full treatment."Source unknown

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