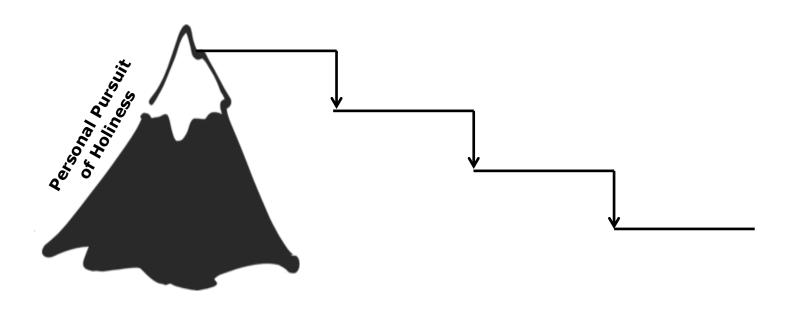
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1 Peter 1:15-16



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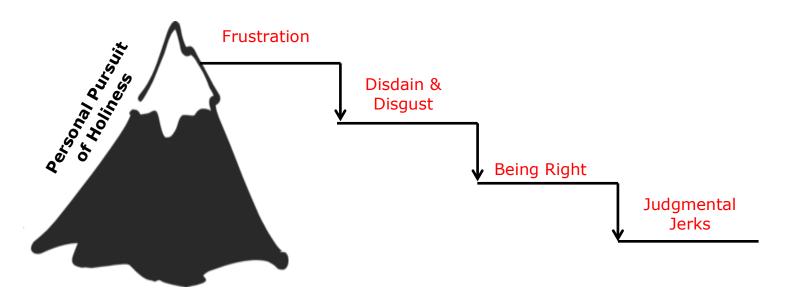
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Outcome of the Course

- 1. Be able to self diagnose the subtle decent to Pharisaic attitudes. (Genesis 3:1)
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- 3. Greater appreciation for the <u>simplicity</u> of the Gospel (John 3:16)
- 4. Opportunity to walk with others and <u>demonstrate</u> the "easy yoke" of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 11:28-30)

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