

**Introduction:**

1. Three marks that distinguish a winsome person in today’s culture: wealth, health, happiness
2. The higher mark that distinguishes a winsome person in God’s sight: holiness
3. Why holiness is an absolute necessity (Heb. 12:14).
4. Esau’s tragic example (Heb. 12:15-17).
5. QUESTION: How can a sinner become holy, and avoid rejection by God, like Esau?

**A. Be Well-Born**

1. Well-born by receiving Christ (John 1:11-13).
2. Nicodemus, a good example of a well-born person (John 3:1-2, 5-7, 16).
3. Basic evidence of being born of God (1 John 3:7-9).

**B. Be Well-Fed** (1 Peter 2:1-3)

1. Spiritual detox (v. 1)
2. Spiritual feeding (v. 2)
3. How to read the Bible for your spiritual feeding. See the Pastor’s Corner article.

**C. Be Well-Bred** (1 Peter 1:15, 22-23)

**Well-bred means:**

1. Well brought up, properly trained, showing good manners (Dictionary definition).
2. Reflecting God’s holiness (v. 15).
3. Holiness in action (v. 15).
4. Showing good manners (v. 22)
5. Showing evidence of spiritual birth (v. 23)

**Reflections:** To become winners in Christ,

1. Solid biblical information is needed to prepare us for the hard realities of life.
2. Shallow sermonettes will produce disciplettes who crumble when they are hit by the hard realities of life.
3. What do we need to do to become winsome winners in Christ?

1. More than wealth, health, and happiness—secular marks of a winsome person—what is God’s higher mark of a winsome person that is absolutely necessary, not optional (Heb. 12:14-17) ?

2. Well-born (John 1:11-13; 3:1-7), Well-fed (1 Peter 2:1-3), Well-bred (1 Peter 1:15:22-23). God’s ways to make sinners holy in His sight. Review this sermon outline and pick the points that are relevant to you and discuss them.

3. Shallow sermonettes produce disciplettes who crumble when they are hit by the hard realities of life. Pastor Fred’s pulpit preaching addresses this problem. Your comments.

4. What have you learned from last Sunday’s sermon that will help you become a winsome winner in Christ? Share and discuss.

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