



Sunday School Opening

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Making Melody

- #199 “Take Time To Be Holy”

William D. Longstaff (1822-1894) of the United Kingdom, was born at Sutherland, Durham, England. He was the son of a wealthy ship owner. William had plenty of money to get anything he desired; yet he valued his mind enough to be mindful of holiness. On a particular Lord’s Day, after having listened to the preaching of Griffith John, a China missionary on furlough to England, Longstaff wrote the words to our song. “Take Time To Be Holy.” Griffith had cited 1 Peter 1:16 “Be ye holy, for I am holy.” (adapted by me from Hymnary.org)

199 Take Time to Be Holy
W. D. LONGSTAFF GEO. C. STEDDING

1. Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft with thy Lord; A - bide in Him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, The world rush-es on;.. Spend much time in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, Let Him be thy Guide, And run not be-
4. Take time to be ho - ly, Be calm in thy soul; Each tho't and each

al - ways, And feed on His Word. Make friends of God's chil-dren;
se - cret With Je - sus a - lone; By look - ing to Je - sus,
fore Him, What - ev - er be - tide;.. In joy or in sor - row,
mo - tive Be - neath His con - trol;.. Thus led by His Spir - it

Help those who are weak; For - get - ting in noth - ing His bless - ing to seek.
Like Him thou shalt be;.. Thy friends in thy con - duct His likeness shall see..
Still fol - low thy Lord, And, look - ing to Je - sus, Still trust in His Word.
To foun - tains of love, Thou soon shalt be fit - ted For serv - ice a - bove.

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Speak oft with
thy Lord

Abide in Him
always

And feed on His
word

Make friends of
God's Children

Help those who
are weak

Forgetting in
nothing His
blessings to seek.



- The world rushes on
- Spend much time in secret
- With Jesus alone
- By looking to Jesus
- Like Him thou shalt be
- Thy friends in thy conduct
- His likeness shall see



- Let Him be Thy Guide
- And run not before Him
- What ever betide
- In joy or in sorrow
- Still follow the Lord
- And, looking to Jesus,
- Still trust in His word

Tempo di Minuetto



- Be calm in thy soul
- Each tho't and each motive
- Beneath His control
- Thus led by His Spirit
- To fountains of love
- Thou soon shalt be fitted
- For service above.



- 1 Peter 1:13-17 NASB

- **¹³Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

- ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,

- ¹⁵but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

- ¹⁶because it is written, “**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**”

- ¹⁷If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;

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God has given this scripture for eternal value, and I have a few comments to offer you from my experience of following the Lord and reading these NT commands.

Please remember this is the Apostle Peter writing and connect this with him to get a human touch with the divine command. He worked out his salvation as a former fisherman, disciple brought near to the Lord, told to put away his sword, and accept Gentiles into the body the Lord was making new.

Dr Hardinger's advice



Instead of burdening ourselves trying to be holy, just let the Holy Spirit do His work, do not be afraid to be holy, do not be concerned about being holy, my efforts to become holy fall short of the command, "Be Holy as I am holy."



I hope you too can agree with Brother William D. Longstaff, the hymn writer, whose poetic expressions are helpful in to show us the way.



Yet, being the mind is what it is, the medical community has adopted what is called mindfulness. This is an awareness of the mind, which promotes an understanding of our constant brain activity. We will be happiest and not so exhausted by emotional cost of our brain's activity by being aware and mindful of our minds.



As Obedient Children



Gave Him Glory