





COOKED (sterile) vs. RAW (unsterile)

- contact > unsterile become sterile? <u>NO</u>
- contact > sterile become unsterile? YES

Holiness is not a <u>surface</u> quality and is not <u>transmitted</u> through a single touch.

Like [raw] meat being <u>tenderized</u> to the core by the cooking process, humans must be <u>transformed</u> to the core, their mind and will surrendered to God. HOLY (set apart, belonging to God)

This process must happen.

Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness. Without holiness no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)

But you did not come to know Christ that way ... You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its evil desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:20)

Drawing people unto the Lord requires more than casual contact.

Talk. Pray. Discuss their <u>need</u> and your <u>concern</u>.

CROPS. Some folks, not wanting to deal with the <u>work</u> or the <u>uncertainty</u>, do not plant crops.

Analogy
SEED = God's Word/Message,
human WITNESS
SOIL = human minds/hearts

Good investment <u>DOES NOT</u> guarantee good return, but no investment <u>DOES</u> guarantee no return.

- "Give careful thought ..."
- What seed do <u>I have</u>?
- What soil is <u>available</u> to <u>me</u>?
- Is my seed being <u>planted</u> (faith) or <u>hoarded</u> (fear)?

