

## March 26: Chapters 7-9

### Chapter 7

1. How would you describe holiness? (pp. 76-78)
2. Does holiness attract you? How about when you were a youth? (pp. 76-78)
3. Have you experienced a conversion in faith? What happened? (p. 77)
4. How do you react to the statement: If you want to be a great Catholic Christian study great Catholic Christians. (pp. 77-79)
5. What saint(s) have inspired you the most in your life? (pp. 77-78)
6. Where have you learned from your successes? (p. 78)
7. Where have you learned from your failures? (p. 78)
8. Who are modern day saints in your life? (p. 78)
9. According to Matthew Kelly, saints have become unpopular. Why do you think that is? (p. 79)
10. How do you react to the statement: It is true that from time to time, some people have placed too much emphasis on the role the saints play in Catholic spirituality. (p. 79)
11. How do you relate or not relate to some saints? (pp. 79-80)
12. In what way has the Church been infected by common secular philosophy? (p. 81)
13. How have you judged Mass by the measure of How much I got out of it?
14. What other measures should be used with regard to the Mass. (p. 81)
15. What is your reaction to the statement: I go to Church on Sunday, and I always say grace before meals. Isn't that enough? (p. 81)
16. What is your reaction to the statement: What is the least you can do to be Catholic?
17. How have you seen the Pedestal Syndrome at work in your life? (p. 82-83)
18. Does God have favorites? Do you feel that you are his favorite? (p.82)
19. What is your reaction to the statement: When veneration replaces imitations... our devotion to the saints becomes hollow and borders on superstition. (p. 83)
20. How do you struggle with discipline in your life? (p. 84-86)
21. Where has discipline really helped you in your life? (p. 84-86)
22. What is your reaction to the statement: Without discipline, we are confined to soulless living and must content ourselves with work, food, momentary worldly pleasures, and anything that can help distract us from the misery of purposeless living (p. 86)
23. What is your reaction to the statement: The goal of the Christian life is holiness. (p. 86)

### Chapter 8

24. How often do you read your Bible? (p. 89)
25. Who are some incredible teachers who have inspired you in your life? Why? (p. 90)
26. What are some great books you've read? Why do you consider them great? (p. 91)
27. Who in your life has been able to put an old head on young shoulders? (p. 91)
28. What is your reaction to the statement: Even a blind man knows when he is in the presence of a great light. (p. 92)
29. What is your reaction to the story of St. Francis? (pp. 92-96)
30. What is your reaction to the story of Mother Theresa? (pp. 97-101)
31. What is your reaction to the story of St. John Vianney? (pp. 101-107)
32. What is your reaction to the story of St. Thomas More? (pp. 108-113)
33. What is your reaction to the story of Pope John Paul II? (pp. 113-119)

### Chapter 9

34. How might you add to Matthew Kelly's analysis of the difference between heroes, leaders, champions, and saints? (p.121)
35. Who is an example of someone you know who has singleness of purpose (p. 122)
36. Where have you demonstrated singleness of purpose? (pp. 122-124)
37. What is a serious goal in your life? (p. 122)
38. When was a time that you knew the will of God for you in your life? (p. 125)
39. What do you think about Matthew Kelly's assertion that whatever will help you to become the-best-version-of-yourself is how can we discern God's will? (p. 125)
40. What are some caricatures of holiness that modern society has created and ridiculed? (p. 126)
41. Where have you set your gaze on God and followed him no matter the cost? (p. 126)
42. What is your reaction to the statement: The challenge is in surrendering our prideful and selfish wills to the will of God. (p. 127)
43. Who do you know walks humbly before God? (p. 127-128)
44. What do you think of the analogy offered about keeping a candle lit? (p. 128)
45. What is your reaction to the statement: Habits create character (p. 129)
46. What are some good habits of yours? (p. 129)
47. What are some bad habits of yours? (p. 129)
48. What habit would you like to be different a year from now? (p. 130)
49. Create a list of your habits as described on p. 130. What does that list tell you about yourself? (p. 130)