

Personal Spiritual Development 8

Pure and Undeclared Religion

Week Eight: Daily Scripture Reading

Monday	James 1:19-27
Tuesday	James 2:1-10
Wednesday	James 2:14-26
Thursday	1 Timothy 5:1-16
Friday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Saturday	Acts 4:32-37
Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46

It is critical that any Body of God's people be strong in worship and in teaching and study of God's Word. It is vital that every congregation of God's people build a strong fellowship cemented and flavored with LOVE, where family members honor one another. This is not the sum total of what God has called us to be. Looking at the life of Jesus on earth one cannot help but notice how much of HIS time was spent in serving others. Especially those who were hurting and sick. He cleansed lepers (sinners), healed the sick, raised the dead, caused the cripple to walk again and was always ready to help those who were hurting in any way. (**Matt.11:28-30**). The invitation of Jesus lays open the heart of GOD. Jesus never established any barriers that indicated who could and could not be "saved" cleansed. It is interesting that "pure religion" is not seen in what is academically taught but in what is done. Religion, what we do, is important, but it must be the kind that changes us and our actions and feelings, not just our minds.

Questions to consider as you read each daily scripture reading.

1. Why do you think we have being quick to pick up what was done in **Acts 2:36-47** but NOT so quick to imitate **Acts 4:32-37**?
2. What are ways that as an individual or as a part of a group you could apply the teaching of this week to help those who hurt?
3. Do most families in the congregation feel a sense of responsibility for those who are old or unable to care for themselves? Why or why not?
4. Where is the line between helping a person who is hurting and enabling a person to stay in the mess he is in?
5. How do you keep from feeling used and taken by ones who take your help and go right on with the same life?
6. What would you think is the greatest need for those who you know and are around regularly?