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THE WALK OF THE GODLY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE POOR

TEXT: JAMES 1:19-27

PART 1 OF A 2 PART STUDY ON THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO POVERTY

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MAIN POINT: THE GODLY WALK IS ONE THAT TAKES GREAT NOTICE OF GOD'S HEART AND THEN ACTS UPON THAT WHICH HE IS CALLED TO DO.

OUR VISION AND MISSION IS NOT TO MAKE PEOPLE STOP SINNING

OUR VISION: THRIVING MULTIPLYING JOY-FILLED – invite and inspire

OUR MISSION: PEOPLE ENCOUNTERING JESUS

We grow when we STRETCH beyond that which we are capable.

Challenge #1: Ask yourself, In What Way can I Grow in this?

- I. JAMES 1: 19, 20 – In Dealing with Injustice we must be
- QUICK to hear
 - SLOW to speak
 - SLOW to anger
- Man's anger does not lead to God's righteousness.

Example: Dr. Martin Luther King jr.

Lowliness, Meekness, Patience, Longsuffering – Eph. 4:1,2 > Worthy of the Call

- II. JAMES 1:21 – Justice is never met out while disregarding humility or biblical principle.

Example: Engrafted Word of God

- III. JAMES 1:22 – Transformation by the Truth of the Word should drive us into righteous action.

Example: Doers of the Perfect Law (Psalm 19)

(James 2:14-26)

IV. JAMES 1:22-25 – Justice Begins with My Transformation

Continually Looking Inwardly
Perfect Law of Freedom

V. JAMES 1:27 - God's vision of righteousness deeply involves our action on behalf of the neediest and most vulnerable members of society.

THE POOR = EXPLOITED, LOW CLASS, WORKING CLASS,
WITH NO VOICE OF THEIR OWN TO BE HEARD

VI. JAMES 1:27 - BELIEVERS OUGHT NOT TO BE CAUGHT UP IN THE STAINS OF THE WORLD.

WORLD'S CORRUPTION
WORLD'S VOCABULARY
WORLD'S SYSTEMS

DON'T MISS IT: PURE RELIGION = CONTROLLED SPEECH
GENEROSITY
RESISTING OF TEMPTATION

RELIGION THAT IS UNABLE TO RESHAPE AND
REDEFINE THE HEART (KARDIA) IS WORTHLESS

Challenge #2: Ask yourself, what is the worth of my religion/ worship today?

YOUR NOTES: