
WEEKLY GUIDE - 1. 10 - 16. 2016

The Master's Mission of Meekness

the UNBREAKABLE BONDS

SUNDAY- MATT. 7:1-5 "PLANK-EYE"

TRUTH OF THE DAY: SIN BLINDS US TO OUR SIN.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: It is a fool who refuses to see the error of his life - the corruption of his heart - and in such condition demands righteousness in others.

REFLECTION: GOD HELP ME SEE THE BLINDNESS AND FOOLISHNESS IN ME.

MONDAY- MATT. 5:3-5 "PATH TO MEEKNESS"

TRUTH OF THE DAY: LOWLINESS AND MOURNING INWARDLY IN US EXPRESSES ITSELF OUTWARDLY IN MEEKNESS.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: If I desire MEEKNESS to pervade my life and character then I need to allow the Spirit to discipline me in lowliness & mourning.

REFLECTION: TEACH ME LORD TO BE LOWLY OF HEART. TEACH ME TO MOURN.

TUESDAY JOHN 8:1-11 "WHERE ARE YOUR ACCUSERS?..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: GOD'S HEART TOWARDS US IS FOR FREEDOM NOT CONDEMNATION.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: My freedom has been granted by the all-seeing, all-knowing Lord Jesus. I am to live in such Grace towards others as well, and in so doing, express my freedom by maintaining right and pure relationships.

REFLECTION: LORD, SHOW ME AREAS IN MY LIFE WHERE I DO NOT LIVE IN FREEDOM. HELP ME TO EXPRESS YOUR FREEDOM AND GRACE TO OTHERS.

WEDNESDAY JOHN 8:1-11 "GO AND SIN NO MORE ..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: GOD'S EXPRESSION OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS IS NOT PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN SIN.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: When I falsely express God's grace by holding onto sin in my life, I am forsaking the freedom that His blood purchased on my account.

REFLECTION: FATHER, OH THAT I MAY KNOW TO WALK RIGHTLY ACCORDING TO YOUR GRACE AND FREEDOM TODAY-THAT I MAY NOT SIN AGAINST YOU!

THURSDAY- PHIL. 2:3 "...CONSIDER OTHERS..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: OUR CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS SHOULD ALWAYS PLACE THEM ABOVE OUR CONSIDERATION OF OURSELVES.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: When I find myself putting others down for the sake of my reputation or advancement, I could not be farther from the heartbeat of God's Son.

REFLECTION: JESUS, WHAT A GREAT HUMILIATION YOU WENT THROUGH ON MY ACCOUNT! ALL FOR ME? OH, HOW YOU MUST LOVE ME!

FRIDAY- PHIL. 2:6 "...EQUALITY WITH GOD..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: CHRIST EMPTIED HIMSELF OF ALL RIGHTS AND REPUTATION THAT HE MIGHT SURRENDER HIMSELF TO THE CROSS.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: Giving of myself in sacrifice to others is not a "super-Christian" action, but an expected, natural behavior for one claiming to follow in the MEEK footsteps of Jesus our Master.

REFLECTION: FATHER, GIVE ME A HEART AND NATURE TOWARDS OTHERS WHICH REFLECTS THE GREAT HUMILITY AND SACRIFICE YOU SHOWED TO ME.

SATURDAY- PHIL. 2:7, 8 "...EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: THE ACT OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST WAS EXTREME BECAUSE OUR NEED FOR SALVATION IS EXTREME.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: My strains and failings in this journey towards MEEKNESS -even when I desire it so greatly - is evidence that my need for Jesus is extreme and constant.

REFLECTION: LORD, HELP ME TO REMEMBER HOW EXTREMELY AND DESPERATELY I NEED YOU TODAY - ESPECIALLY WHEN I AM CONFRONTED BY PEOPLE TO WHOM I HAVE A HARD TIME SHOWING GRACE.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The plank in my eye will always keep me from judging others rightly and will always keep me wandering away from an attitude of humility and meekness. If Christ in His sovereignty can grant me grace in my walk towards sanctification, how much more should I reflect that grace in my relationships with others - particularly with those within the Body of Christ? Christ emptied Himself of all rights and reputation in order to go to the cross on our account. What is He calling us to lay down for His Kingdom and Glory?
