
WEEKLY GUIDE - 1. 17-23. 2016

The Master's Mission of Meekness **the UNCOMMON RESPONSE TO INJURY**

SUNDAY- MAT. 5:39 "...the OTHER CHEEK..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: SOMETIMES GOD'S WAYS SEEM ILLOGICAL.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: While God's principles often upset our sense of righteousness, He IS Righteousness. Both of my cheeks are His to be unreasonable with.

REFLECTION: GOD, HOW MANY RIGHTS HAVE I NOT LAID DOWN ?

MONDAY- MATT.5:40 "...YOUR CLOAK AS WELL..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: WHEN SUED, WE ARE HIS AGENT.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: We continue to hold onto "stuff" so long as we errantly still see it as our stuff.

REFLECTION: GOD, HOW MUCH STUFF HAVE I NOT LAID DOWN?

TUESDAY MATT. 5:41 "..GO WITH HIM A SECOND MILE ..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: ETERNAL GOD HAS THIS "TIME THING" IN HAND.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: My inconvenience may be just the thing to be used for the glory of the Lord. My time truly is not my own, but a gift and a tool to be used for the building of His Kingdom.

REFLECTION: GOD, HOW MUCH TIME DO I HOARD AND SQUANDER?

WEDNESDAY MATT.5:42 "...GIVE TO THE BEGGAR ..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: GOD'S SENSE OF FINANCES SOMETIMES DOESN'T AGREE WITH THE CORPORATELY-MINDED LEDGER SHEET.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: Time and time again, the Bible urges us to be generous with those who have little and to submit our wallets to His grater purposes.

REFLECTION: GOD, HOW MUCH MONEY DO I WASTE BECAUSE I DO NOT HAVE A SUBMISSIVE, MEEK HEART TOWARDS YOUR KINGDOM-ORIENTED FINANCES?

SHOW ME HOW TO BE GENEROUS BEYOND THE MEANS OF MY OWN VISION.

THURSDAY- MATT. 5:43 "...LOVE YOUR ENEMY..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD – BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES OF HELL.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: Enemies are real. But they often are not as prevalent as we think they are. My greatest enemies ought to be the enemies of God.

REFLECTION: GOD, TEACH ME TO SEE PEOPLE THROUGH YOUR SPIRITUAL EYES OF MEEKNESS AND TO LOVE THOSE WHO MAY EVEN WANT TO HURT ME OR MY FAMILY.

FRIDAY- MATT. 5:47 ...GREET ONLY YOUR BROTHERS?

TRUTH OF THE DAY: THE OUTSIDER HAS A PLACE OF HIGH REGARD IN THE HEART OF THE FATHER.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: The worst of sinners in the world look kindly upon those who are like them. We are to have a heart bent towards those who are not like us, who do not agree with us and who even stand against us.

REFLECTION: GOD, HELP ME TO HAVE A HEART FOR THOSE WHO WOULD STAND AGAINST ME.

SATURDAY- MATT. 5:48 "...BE PERFECT..."

TRUTH OF THE DAY: WE HAVE BEEN PERFECTED BY THE ACT OF THE CROSS. WE ARE BEING PERFECTED (SANCTIFIED) DAILY BY HIS SPIRIT. OUR CALL IS TO BE PERFECT IN OUR ACTIONS, ATTITUDES, PURPOSES AND RESPONSES.

PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY: The act of perfection has been done to me by the Spirit of God and is being furthered in me by His Spirit working the Father's will (II Cor. 3:18). All I have to do is continually subvert my will to His working. Is this my doing? My work? Not so much as it is my non-work. Getting my work out of the way so that the Spirit has full sway and leadership in my inner most parts.

REFLECTION: GOD, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TODAY FOR ME TO BE PERFECTLY SUBMITTED TO YOUR WAYS?

WEEK IN REVIEW: How to be perfect as the Father is perfect? I must subvert and surrender my reputation, my stuff, my time, my finances, my attitudes and my responses to the Master of MEEKNESS. There are some really clear-cut guidelines here as to how to be a true follower of Christ. The question persists upon us, is that really what we want? Do we really want to be perfect?
