

Encounter these verses today:

(circle) words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



James 1:26-27 [NIV] :: True Religion

²⁶If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

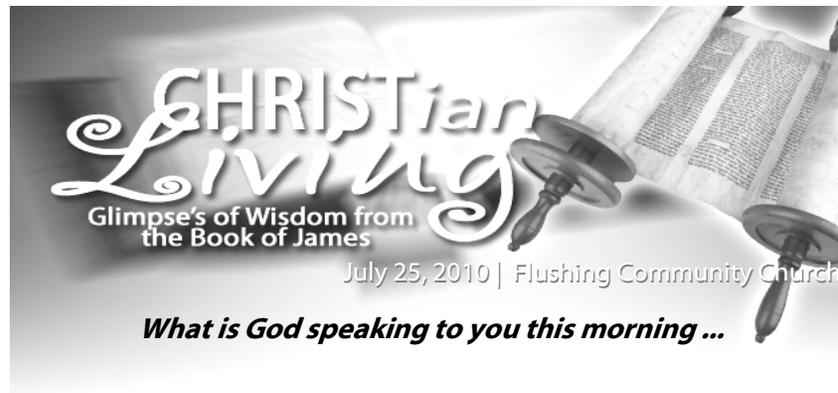
James 2:8-13 [NIV] :: Royal Law of Love

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

James 4:11-12 [NIV] :: Only One Judge

¹¹Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹²There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 7.26.2010

Reading: James 2:8-13

Reflecting on our message from Sunday, let's see this royal law of love be practiced in our world this week.

Think about it:

How can God use you this week to share His love with those around you? How can your words become divine? Be open to God's special work in your life each moment this week!

Pray for: *Families: Malloy & Maloney*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 7.27.2010

Reading: James 4:11-12

Critical spirits are easy to spot. People who aren't loving naturally believe that they are right and often can't see the potential in others. Being critical toward others goes against this royal law of love that we must practice.

Think about it:

Do you possess a critical spirit? Do you find it easy to judge others? If so, ask God to forgive you and fill you with His love!

Pray for: *Families: Marks & Marks*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 7.28.2010

Reading: James 4:7-10

Maybe the best few words of advice that James has to offer us is found in today's reading! Are you hungry to live under the law of love ... this way that leads to true liberty? Humble yourself before Him today. Call out on Him to rescue you!

Think about it:

How much do you depend on God? May your day be filled with reminders that you need Him for every part of living!

Pray for: *Families: Massey & May*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 7.29.2010

Reading: James 3:1-6

Let's shift our attention to preparing for Sunday's worship experience. We'll be celebrating baptism this Sunday and still considering the Word from James. From our mouths comes great ideas, deep wisdom, and often wicked and worldly attitudes.

Think about it:

How is your tongue these days? Full of praise and Godly wisdom? Or selfish, ugly, and destructive words?

Pray for: *Families: Maynor & Mazza*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 7.30.2010

Reading: James 3:7-12

Think about a time when you saw the coolest pet tricks? Isn't it amazing how dolphins can flip out of the water on command, or dogs can run through a flaming hoop? If these simple animals can be trained, why can't we discipline ourselves?

Think about it:

Living one life (for God) is much easier than trying to manage two lives (allowing blessings and curses to come from your mouth). How can Godly wisdom prevail in your life today?

Pray for: *Families: Miller & Mills*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 7.31.2010

Reading: James 3:13-18

There is such a difference between those who are focused on earthly gain and those who are seeking Godly wisdom. Balancing the tension between these two is a great challenge for many of us.

Think about it:

Spend some time meditating on the power of verse 17. Has your life recently modeled these attributes? Is there an example of someone in your life who has modeled a "sincere" faith before you?

Pray for: *Families: Minton & Monroe*

Reflections: _____

