

“How To Live A Holy Life”

Review...we have learned...(James 4)

---We cannot trust our flesh it is against God and tricky

---We are arrogant which is proved by our...

**friendship with the world

**judgment of one another

**live our lives without regarding God (daily)

**Lack of obedience to what we know we should be doing

We should be beginning to feel overwhelmed and hopeless

(This is the starting place of humility)

Let's add one more thing to the list of things that are too much for us...

--Demonstrating the Righteousness of God

God's Law And God's Grace

God's expects us to behave righteously!

- Gen. 17:1-2
- Ex. 22:31 / 29:37
- Lev. 11:44-45 / 19:1 / 20:7
- Num. 15:40
- Duet 18:13 / 23:14
- I Kings 8:61
- Matt. 5:48
- I Pet. 1:15-16

God's people desire to do what He commands, but have never been able!

- Ex. 19:8...Ex.24:3 also 18...(then chpt.32 they then sin)

Our thinking...

- Try to measure up to Gods perfect standard (or disregard it)
- Try to make excuses or blame as to why we can't live up to it
- Try harder
- Get frustrated
- Settle for good enough or just give up!

Purpose of God's law Part 1=(Demonstrate His righteousness)

- Lev. 19:1-
- I Pet 1:15-16-
- Overview of Matt. 5-7 (Not salvation, but righteous living)
 - vs. 14-16 = God demonstrating His righteousness through us
 - vs. 17 = Righteousness is only accomplished through Christ
 - Redemption(Rom 3:21-23)
 - Sanctification(Gal. 2:20-Christ in His perfection living through me, Rom. 8:4)
 - Glorification(Col.1:27)
 - 18-20 = God expects His plan of Righteousness to be accomplished
 - 5:21-7:12 = Righteousness in Daily living
- Matt. 23:23-24...more than just religious duties
- Matt. 22:36-40 Love Lord your God with heart

Purpose of God's law Part 2=(Demonstrate our lack of ability)

- Rom. 2:11-16
- Rom. 3:19-20
- Rom. 7:7-14

Example of measuring tape---It simply demonstrates what is true about an object. The tape itself...does not make it the correct size/shape!

So, should we give up? Yes!! And admit our need for God's charity

Concept of Charity and Grace

What is grace? GODS RICHES All things provided by Him (discipline to affection)

- Rom. 6:20-21
- Eph. 2:1-10
- Gal. 2:19
 - 19-Law brought condemnation/death—
 - 20-Crucified with Christ = old man was killed
 - *no longer I who live = not my life now
 - *Christ lives in me = ASK “What does Christ want right now?”
 - *life of faith = trusting!!
 - *We can trust the One who has our best interest in mind
 - 21-We “set aside “ the grace of God when we try to do it ourselves
 - *Christ died that righteousness could be demonstrated through us
- Rom. 8:1-11 (EMPHASIZE VERSES 2-4)

Simple Application...

- Admit our own powerlessness (Humble Yourself)
- Place yourself in a TOTAL dependant relationship with Christ
- Be a charity case!!