

GO AND LEARN

Text Mat.9:9-13*

Pharisees were strong advocates for orthodoxy (at least as they defined it).

They knew the Law, taught it, defended it, but they did not do as they say. Mat.23:3

Priest and Levite ignored “help neighbor” (parable of good Samaritan)

Religious observances are to be performed, but they are not the totality of Christianity.

GODLY LIVING IS ‘MORE THAN.’ Tit.2:11-12

It’s not enough for God to love me, I must love Him.

It’s not enough to know Jesus, I must follow Him.

It’s not enough to carry a Bible, must read it.

It’s not enough to read the Bible, must “get” the message.

It’s not enough too “get” the message, must heed it.

It’s not enough for me to know. I must understand it.

It’s not enough to understand, I must accept it and let it mold me.

GODLY LIVING

A way of life . . . not just performing religious acts. 2Co.5:17

Raised to walk in newness of life. Rom 6:4

Do good works as have opportunity. Gal.6:10 (zealous of good works. Tit.2:14)

GODLY LIVING REQUIRES LOVE

Love God.

Love neighbor Mat.19:19

Love one another. 1Jo.4:7-8

Love enemies Mat.5:44-46 (in a social and moral sense)

GODLY LIVING IN ACTION (let each admonition “sink in”)

Eph.4:20-32

Be kind to one another.

Lay aside falsehood, speak truth.

Be angry, and yet do not sin.

No longer steal; but share with those in need.

No unwholesome word, but words that edify

Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, malice be put away from you.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other

Rom.12:9-13

Love without hypocrisy.

Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Give preference to one another in honor.

Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoicing in hope.

Persevering in tribulation.

Devoted to prayer.

Contributing to the needs of the saints

Practicing hospitality.

“You did it to the least of these, you did it unto me . . .” Mat.25:40

We must not wrap up ourselves in cloaks of rituals and beliefs to the exclusion of doing good, nor trying to serve him while ignoring what God has commanded.

*note margin–“more than”