

Monday, 22 April 2013

Psalm 40:17

As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

When I do recognize that I am poor and needy, then You deliver the transformation that I need. Until then, while I proudly declare my own sufficiency, You let me wallow in the pigsty I have created. It is when I crucify self that salvation comes.

Tuesday 23 April 2013

James 1:23-25

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Just as I learn by teaching so it is that I understand and believe by doing. It is the comprehension that comes for being a faithful applier of the Word of God to all aspects of my life.

Wednesday, 24 April 2013

James 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Now the acid test—Will I obey? Will I apply the Word of God to all aspects of my life? Knowing right from wrong and having the Holy Spirit to guide me into all truth, there is no valid excuse for disobedience.

Thursday, 25 April 2013

Psalm 41:1-3

To the choirmaster. A Psalm .of David. Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; he LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

Lord, as I think about what it means to consider the poor, my thoughts are directed towards You and the example You set for me. You, the Infinitely Rich One, the Unpoor, the Creator of all and the One to whom all things belong, gave it all up to rescue and redeem one who by his deliberate actions and choices has taken himself into complete and total poverty. You offer the Ultimate Gift, Your life in exchange for mine; You died that I might live. Hallelujah, what a Savior.

Friday, 26 April 2013

Psalm 41:4-6

As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?" And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

Lord, where have I sinned against You by neglecting Your directive to love my neighbor? Where have I not offered comfort and solace to someone who is hurting? Where have I not provided food to the hungry or visited the sick? Where have I not recognized an opportunity to advance the Kingdom by offering the Good News? Lord, the list goes on and on, but You forgive when I repent; continue the transformation.

Saturday, 27 April 2013

Psalm 41:7-9

All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies." Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

It is not people who oppress me, Lord, it is various sins that still reside in me: anger, lust, pride, avarice, covetousness, greed, devotion to other gods, the list goes on and on. These come between me and You, It is only through Your grace and patience that I overcome.

Lord's Day, 28 April 2013

Psalm 119:102

I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.

You gently lead me, providing instruction by word and example, interpreting through the Holy Spirit so that I am continuously reminded of all that You said and did.

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