

PLEASING GOD

DEVOTIONAL 5



Read James 1:27 (NIV)

Religion 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.

Can you imagine standing before God and hearing Him say that your Christian walk is pure and faultless? What an amazing moment that would be!

If you are struggling with your faith, embrace this verse. It offers simple instructions on how we can please God.

In this passage God asks us to reach out to widows and orphans. Is there a widow in your church or neighborhood who needs someone to listen? Or maybe she needs some help around the house or a ride to the store. Is there an orphan who needs love or a home-cooked meal?

God has such a heart for the vulnerable and lonely. Pray that He will give you a heart for those in need, too.

Questions for Thought or Discussion

1. *What is one way you can reach out to a widow or orphan?*
2. *Are there other vulnerable and lonely people you could help?*
3. *Why is it important to move outside of your comfort zone to help another person?*
4. *Spend time in prayer for a pure heart and a clear vision to help others.*