

# What's Religion Got to Do With It?

James 1:26 & 27  
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# The Miracle of Being Here!

“If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

2 Timothy 2:13

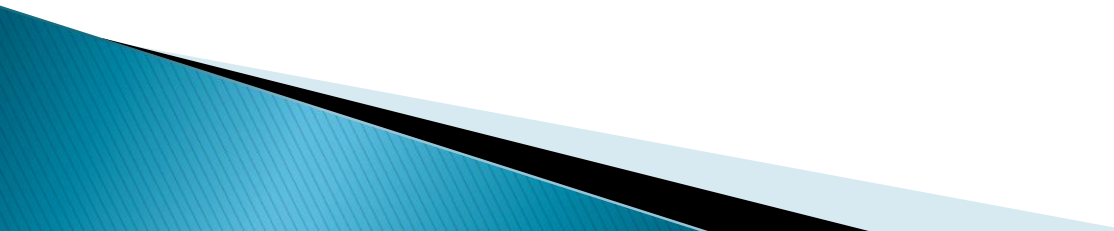


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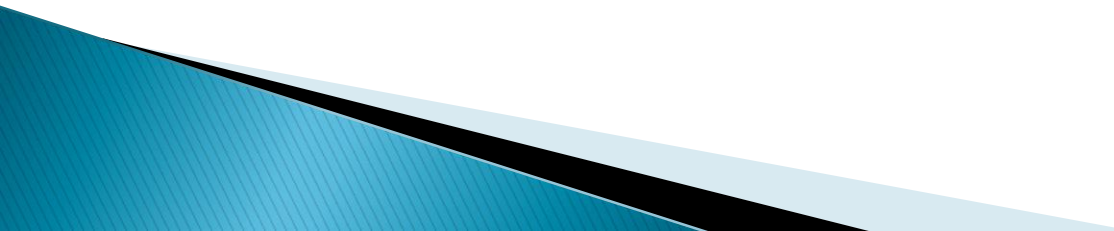
“I’m for anything that gets you through the night, be it prayer, tranquilizers or a bottle of Jack Daniels. But to me religion is a deeply personal thing in which man and God go it alone together, without the witch doctor in the middle.” Frank Sinatra

# James 1:27

**“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.”**



# Message of Christ is so simple:

- ▶ Jesus Saves
  - ▶ Jesus Heals
  - ▶ Jesus Fills with His Holy Spirit
  - ▶ Jesus is Coming Again
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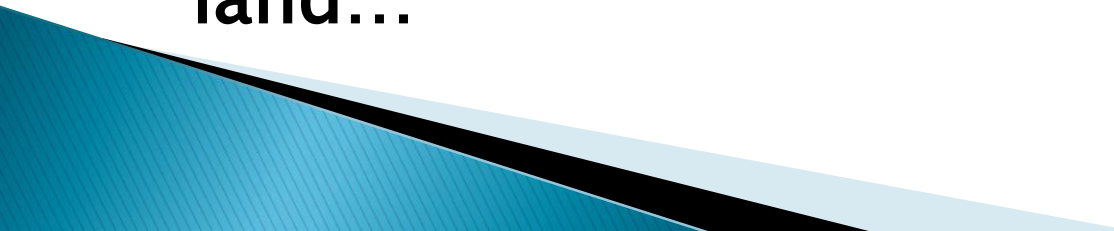
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# Why? Isaiah 1:16-19

**“wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land...”**



# Ministering to Less Fortunate

- ▶ On an Organized Level
- ▶ On a Personal Level

# On an Organized Level

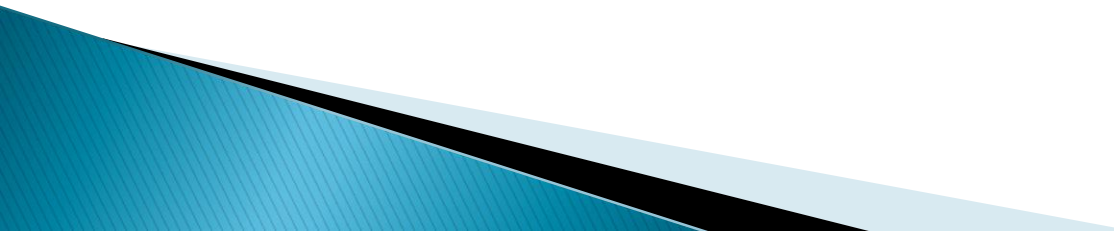


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# On a Personal Level

- ▶ The Example of the Pies

# Controlling the Tongue

- ▶ Huge Evil – James 3:12
  - ▶ Quarreling and Slander – James 4:1–12
  - ▶ Grumbling or Swearing – James 5:9 & 12
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# We have Hope!

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

1 Peter 3:15

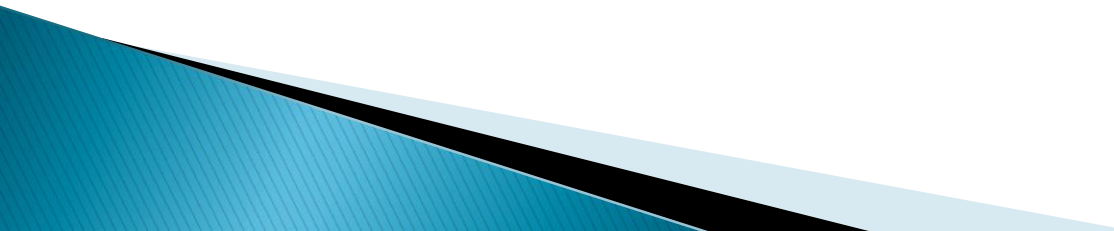


Life Axiom:

Unmasked for Advice

Comes Across

As Criticism



**“Set Apart Christ as Lord”**

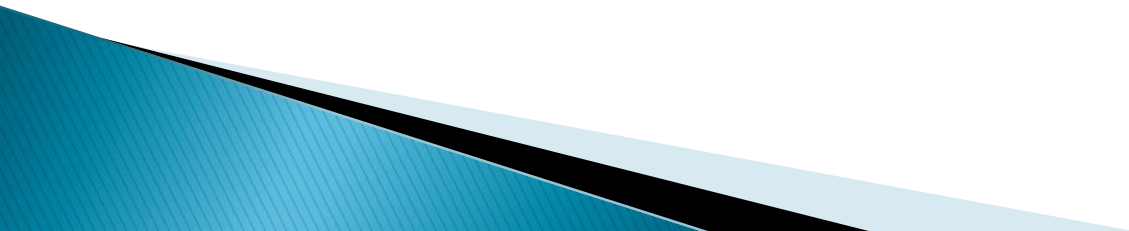
**“Christ is the Lord of My Life”**

**“Give the Reason for the Hope”**

**“I will be prepared to give and answer for the Hope I have.”**

**“With Gentleness & Respect”**

**“When asked, I will Answer with  
Gentleness and Respect.”**



True Religion:

**Faith in Practice**

