

August 3

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that I have been set apart to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He sees fit to call me? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one specially dedicated to Him for service? Do I see my responsibility to serve the Lord by being accepting of those who are outsiders?

1 God has called us to be saints (set apart from sin and consecrated unto Him for service) — Romans 1:7 *To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Since I am set apart to serve the Lord, what things can I do to please Him?

What opportunities to serve have I been given that I can praise God for?

2 I am a saint and servant of the Lord — Philippians 1:1 *Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons....*

What has God asked me to do? What's the hardest thing He could ask of me?

Why does the devil want me to feel corrupt, polluted and unclean?

3 I am to seek to act like a saint (one consecrated) unto the Lord by accepting other believers — Romans 16:1 *I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.*

How spiritually healthy can I be if I am unkind to, and exclude, outsiders?

What kind of damage will I do to myself and others if I exclude outsiders?

Spirit of Glory, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Romans 6

Evening: Psalms 63, 64, 65