

August 6

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that it is impossible to be close to God and close to the world at the same time? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who is dead to inappropriate passions of this world? Am I really considering myself dead to the things of this world if I am too busy to serve God?

1 **God is cut off from mankind since the world is dead to Him** — *Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

What comes to mind when you read: "your iniquities have separated...you"?

What examples of God reaching out to deliver me can I praise Him for?

2 **I am crucified to the world and the world is crucified to me** — *Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

How will I behave if I consider myself dead to the things of the world?

Why does Satan want me to live a life without self-denial?

3 **I must choose to pursue righteousness** — *Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

When have I set aside my wishes and desires to fulfill God's desires?

What things have I laid aside in order to please and serve God's interests?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Romans 8:22-39

Evening: Psalms 70, 71