

July 3

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that the Lord is the Ruler over all things and the Ruler of my life? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one to whom He has given the privilege of being a laborer in His kingdom? Do I recognize that the Lord approves of a leadership style that is gentle rather than abrasive and pushy?

1 **God is ruler of all things** — *Psalm 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.*

In what ways does my life demonstrate that the Lord reigns over my life?

What examples of God's rule and authority can I praise Him for?

2 **I am a fellow worker in God's kingdom** — *Colossians 4:11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only [are my] fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.*

What is the difference between being a fellow worker and an overseer?

Why does the devil want me to work to exalt myself over others?

3 **I am to conduct myself in a manner that I expect leaders to conduct themselves. I am to serve or instruct others with patience and gentleness** — *2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all [men], apt to teach, patient....*

When have I seen God's servants gently rule through teaching and patience?

How does the leadership style described here differ from one that dominates?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 12

Evening: Job 25, 26, 27