

June 14

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I use my efforts in the Christian community to get the approval of men rather than to please God? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that has been given the high privilege of representing the Lord before a lost and dying world? Do I listen carefully to the Lord? Or, do I try to do the Lord's work in the flesh?

1 **God is the recipient of offerings** — *Ezekiel 20:40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.*

What evidence is there that I seek the approval of God rather than men?

What offerings of praise and thanksgiving do I need to offer to the Lord?

2 **I am born by God's truth and am among the firstfruits of God's creatures** — *James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

What happens when Christ's followers forget their role as examples to others?

Why is it destructive if I only think about my interests when I make decisions?

3 **I am to be attentive** — *James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...*

As I examine my life when have I been too quick to speak and slow to hear?

Why can't I do the Lord's work if my heart is filled with bitterness and anger?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 1

Evening: Ezra 9, 10