



Daily Reflections

January 4, 2018

Scripture

1 John 3: 7-10

Children, let no one deceive you.

The person who acts in righteousness is righteous,
just as he is righteous.

Whoever sins belongs to the Devil,

because the Devil has sinned from the beginning.

Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil.

No one who is begotten by God commits sin,

because God's seed remains in him;

he cannot sin because he is begotten by God.

In this way,

the children of God and the children of the Devil are made plain;

no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God,

nor anyone who does not love his brother.

Our Scripture Reflection

Someone once wrote: "You are what you believe". John tells us in today's Scripture text that if we believe that God is righteous, then we, His children, will act in righteousness. With the honor of being children of God comes the responsibility of living what we believe about Him in a world that does not truly know Him. May He bless our daily efforts in the new year.

Food for your Journey

The only reward of virtue is virtue; the only way to have a friend is to be one.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Friendship," in Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson (London: Routledge, 1883), 48.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God,

You call us from our settled ways,
out of old habits and rutted traditions.

You call us into the land of promise,
to new life and new possibilities.

Make us strong to travel the road ahead.

Deliver us from false security and comfort,
desire for ease and uninvolved days.

Let Your Word and Spirit dwell in us

that Your will may be fulfilled in us

for the well-being and peace of all. Amen