



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 5: 17-19

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,
not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter
will pass from the law,
until all things have taken place.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do so

will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven.

But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Our Scripture Reflection

One of the sad things about the sins of envy and jealousy is that those who commit these sins have lost sight of the greater good. The religious leaders of the day were attacking Jesus because the crowds were flocking to Him in order to hear His teaching. In an attempt to discredit Him they claim He is changing or abolishing the Law. Jesus issues a strong response. He did not come to abolish the Law, but rather, to show people how to live it....finally. Jesus took the leaders to task because they did not practice what they

preached. Jesus came not just to teach but also to give His life for what He taught. Unlike the professional theologians, Jesus wanted eternal life for His people.

Food for your Journey

I have learned that there is always, emphasis always, a person who is better at what I do than I am. It makes no difference what the subject may be.

Once accepted, this position has removed the pressure of peer pressure. I do what I do and try to do it very well. I do not need compliments, because I believe that I am doing the best I can and someone else is doing the best that she or he can.

So we all work together for the good of Christ and the church.

- Leslie Shultz

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Help me each day during this Lenten season to put into practice the Gospel of Jesus. May I learn to love, to forgive and to give what I have for Your greater glory. May those who see me want to do the same. Amen