



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

For no other reason than jealousy, the Pharisees and scribes attacked Jesus because they perceived Him to be a whacked out liberal teacher. What could He possibly know anyway since He came from the podunk village of Galilee? What good could come from that place? Jesus put them in their place. He calls them over and over again, "Hypocrites", stage-actors. All that they do is for show. They played games with the religious Law. Jesus, however, came not just to teach and practice the Law, but also, to get its adherents to push

and stretch in their observance of it. Jesus, like an astute physical therapist, called His followers to push and grow in their faith far more than they had previously thought possible.

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.

--Rev. Leslie Shultz

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You gave the very best by sending Your only Son Jesus Who gave everything for us. Help me to show my gratitude by giving You the best that I have to offer...a heart completely devoted to You. Amen