



Daily Reflections

January 14, 2021

Scripture

Mark 1:40-45

And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down said to him: If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

And Jesus having compassion on him, stretched forth his hand; and touching him, saith to him: I will. Be thou made clean.

And when he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. And he strictly charged him, and forthwith sent him away.

And he saith to him: See thou tell no one; but go, shew thyself to the high priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

But he being gone out, began to publish and to blaze abroad the word: so that he could not openly go into the city, but was without in desert places: and they flocked to him from all sides

Our Scripture Reflection

Why did Jesus so often tell people He had just cured to tell no one??? Because they did not have the whole picture of Who He was. Yes, He was a miracle worker, the teacher of teachers Who spoke with such tremendous authority. But that was only half the picture of Who He was. The other half would not be revealed until Calvary.

Food for your Journey

True change requires more than experimenting with isolated attempts to alter automatic reflexes; it involves replacing old behaviors with new ones that eventually become as natural

and comfortable as the old ones. It is more than quietly stealing away from the hostile dog; it is learning how to make friends with that dog and take it for a walk.

—Jerold Kreisman and Hal Straus, *I Hate You – Don't Leave Me* (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1989), 92.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I come before You as Your servant who is thankful that You have made work a part of life and given me the opportunity to glorify You in my work. Thank You that I can work hard and go to bed tired knowing that I have done good things each day. Thank You for the good days and the difficult ones, and for the gifts You have given me to help this world be a better place through my efforts and energy. Remain with me, Lord. Amen