

Theme: Guidance & God's Law

Scripture 1:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him what he did wrong. Do this in private. If he listens to you, then you have helped him to be your brother again. But if he refuses to listen, then go to him again and take one or two other people with you. 'Every case may be proved by two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, then tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church, then treat him as you would one who does not believe in God. Treat him as if he were a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth. The things you don't allow on earth will be the things God does not allow. The things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows. "Also, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about something, then you can pray for it. And the thing you ask for will be done for you by my Father in heaven. This is true because if two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them."

Scripture 2:

"As for you, human being, I have made you a watchman for Israel. If you hear a message from me, you must warn them for me. I might say to the wicked person: 'Wicked man, you will surely die.' But you might not speak to warn the evil person to stop doing evil. Then he will die while still a sinner. But I will punish you for his death. But you might warn a wicked person to stop doing evil. If he does not stop, he will die while still a sinner. But you have saved your life.

Reflections on Scripture:

What are the key duties of a Christian?
What are Christian schools for?
Why should we try and guide others on the right path?
How can we help others on the right path?
What if they don't listen to us?
Should we be responsible for what others do?
Why do some people find it difficult to tell others that they need to change their ways?

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Saint of the Week: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam



How did he live out the theme of this week?
How did he try to offer others guidance and teach them about God?

Prayer:

Gracious Heavenly Father
Your word says that you will always guide me. You do not leave me wandering through life, but you are with me during every moment of every day. You will satisfy my needs when I feel frustrated and you will strengthen me when life makes me weary.

Help me to follow your ways as you lead me into a life of fruitfulness and joy. May I be like the well-watered garden which thrives because the roots are firmly planted in your love.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

The World Today:



Do people still need God's laws (and guidance) today?

Pope Francis:

'Accepting the law of God in your heart means learning to master one's desires, because you cannot have everything you want, and it is not good to give into selfish and possessive feelings. Jesus knows that it is not easy to live the commandments in this all-embracing way. That's why he offers the assistance of his love.'

