



DAY 1

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. James 1:27 NLT

Introduction:

Part of the money that we will give together will help support and educate orphans in Russia and the Ukraine. Whether you can give a large amount or small, you know that giving to children who, due to circumstances, no longer have parents is a noble gesture.

Meditation Thought:

Consider for a moment how blessed your life is right now; think about your family situation, where you live and the comfort in which you live, friendships, etc. In the big scheme of things, how much did you create your present reality? How much are you the recipient of countless blessings from God?

Generous Practice: *Seeing the Good in Others*

Chances are you have never met any of the orphans in Russia or Ukraine that your financial gift will bless, but consider how just a small amount will send a very large message. Think for a moment how your generosity will send a message of significance to these children. Throughout their short lives they have been led to believe that they are deficient in some way, unlovable, not worth anyone's time. But you know that is not true!

They are supremely valued by God and they are important to you!

Prayer:

- Spend a few minutes in prayer for orphans in Russia and the Ukraine.
- Ask God to use your generosity to dramatically and eternally change the lives of the orphans.
- Consider the amount of your generous gift and if it is pleasing to the Lord.