Coronavirus Social Distancing Daily Devotion #37

People

**Genesis 1:28 (NASB) “***God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth...”*

Can you imagine living in this world if there were no people? Imagine that you were the only one left on earth, and you had everything at your disposal. You had the most expensive cars and boats, clothes, shoes, tools, etc. All the food in the grocery stores was yours. You didn’t have a bill to pay and could enjoy everything without cost. That sounds like a science-fiction movie. I’m sure you would really enjoy yourself for a while. Maybe a few days or a couple weeks. But it wouldn’t take long until you felt the loneliness of it all. It wouldn’t take long to wish there was someone with whom you could talk and have as a companion.

People often get tired and irritated of and at people. We fuss and want our distance from them. We find ourselves being able to tolerate people only for so long until we must get away from them. Certainly, during this social distancing there have been days for many of you where you wish you could just have some space from those you live with. On the other hand some of you can’t wait to be around some people because you have been alone all this time.

The reality is you feel the effects of people. But in either case, frustration of being crowded by too many in your house or not enough in your house, you know the value of people. Because those of you who are frustrated by too many in your home would not want to be alone and those of you who are alone don’t want to stay alone. We need people.

God knew that for man to be alone was not good. (Genesis 2:18) He built into us the desire for others to be in our lives. He built us with the need to have companionship. I have often thought about the people who say life would be wonderful if it weren’t for people. While I get the point, those same people wouldn’t really want to be alone if they were honest. They may need a lot of distance, but everyone wants to know someone cares about them and is thinking about them and is available if needed.

In God’s wisdom, He told Adam and Eve to populate the earth. Because He would get glory from His creation but also because He knew mankind needed mankind. His intention has always been for His creation to support and care for each other. To be a voice in each other’s lives. To be concerned for one another. To help one another with the challenges we face. And we all feel that internally.

I remember some years ago, a friend of mine from the Philippines visited the states. At the time he had just come from Florida to Virginia. I asked him what he thought about America. I was taken aback by his response. He said he didn’t like it. When I asked why not, he said there were not enough people. I laughed because if you have ever been to Manila you know people are everywhere. It is one of the most crowed cities in the world. My friend’s statement proved God’s point. Deep inside we need each other. That’s one of the reasons why He established the Church.

In these days of being separated from one another or crowded by one another, imagine that you were the only one left on earth. You know that you would not like that for long. People are a blessing from the Lord. Therefore, we need to learn how to live with one another in peace and harmony simply because God wants it that way but also because we need each other.

Do all you can to appreciate the people who God has put in your life. They are given to you to be a blessing unless they pull you away from God. If that’s the case, remove yourself from them lovingly, and spend your days loving those whom the Lord has given you. Always do what you can to help others to know Him as Lord. They will be blessed when they realize there is a God who loves them and has provided people for them to help with life and to help them grow in their relationship with Him.