

## **Distinctly Christian: Living for Christ in This World**

### **The Christian & the Vulnerable**

#### ***James 1:26–27***

*26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

#### **1. Christianity is Founded on Confession & Conviction 26**

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##### **A. Almost Christian**

*If anyone thinks he is religious*

##### **B. Word & Heart**

*and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart*

##### **C. Worthless Religion**

*this person's religion is worthless.*

#### **2. Christianity is Expressed in Compassion & Consecration 27**

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##### **A. True Religion Before God**

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this:*

##### **B. Compassion for the Vulnerable**

*to visit orphans and widows in their affliction*

##### **C. Consecration from the World**

*and to keep oneself unstained from the world*

#### **Two Principles:** (from Kevin DeYoung)

*1. Proximity - We are most responsible to help those closest to us.*

*A. Family - 1Tim 5:4-8*

*B. Church - 1Jn 3:16-17; Jm 2:15-17*

*C. World - 2Cor 8-9; Gal 6:10*

*2. Necessity - We are most responsible to help those least able to help themselves.*