

Alderwood Community Church
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Relieving the Distress of Others
Legacy of Compassion – Part 3

*“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” **James 1:27***

Big Idea: God measures our commitment to him by our compassion and generosity toward others.

1. God doesn't _____ all religion.
 - A. God doesn't want or accept just _____ service. (Matthew 15:8)

 - B. God doesn't want or accept _____ religious ritual.
(Psalm 51:16-17)

2. The religion that God values/accepts _____
_____ for people in distress.

“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling.”
Psalms 68:5

Clearly, God has a special concern for the helpless who cannot provide for themselves. (**Psalm 140:12; Proverbs 14:20, 21:13, 14:31, 19:17,**
Luke 12:33-34; Deuteronomy 14:28-29, 24:17-22, 27:19)

