

service project with the Department of Child Services (DCS).

On the 3rd Saturday of each month we meet at 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

1 Youth is continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody

As Jesus mentioned in **Matthew 5:17**, the new covenant does not abolish the law. The law is still good to follow as it is given by God and is chock full of good things, not just random rules, to have us live better lives on Earth.

What Jesus did was to have us focus on the heart of the law, **Love**, and with that we will naturally follow the intent of God's law without needing a list of rules that point out our failures and condemn us. With our focus on Loving God and others we don't honestly even want to sin.

So, by loving God and others, we don't really need to follow a checklist of rules (which we can't do anyway).

We then went a step further and said believe it or not, we don't even have to follow those two commandments.

When Jesus ascended into Heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to live in us, to lead us, to guide us, to give us strength...The Holy Spirit, being God's spirit can only do good and can only bring glory to God. All we need to do is choose to listen.

We said that with the Holy Spirit in us, all we have to do is to listen to and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit to live as God intended us to live full of love and grace without needing a list of rules to follow.

The Holy Spirit will never, ever, lead us to sin. If we ask and if we choose to listen we don't need a list or have to be told what to do or what not to do or be condemned when we mess up. We will always do what is right naturally. We noted that Jesus didn't follow a list of rules, He followed the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Now, will we mess up and still sin sometimes? Sure, we're still human flesh and we will make the mistake of not listening to the Holy Spirit probably more often than we should. But, through the love and grace of Jesus, God says, it's okay, you are forgiven, try again.

Watch for our next event here!

Watch here for Winter Jam information, Christian music's largest annual tour! We will post as soon as we have dates, cost, and artists.

really does care about them.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Exodus 20, Matthew 23:23, Matthew 22:36-40, John 13:34-35, 2 Corinthians 3:7-9, Matthew 5:17, Romans 7:7

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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1 Youth Ministry