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Acts 10:1-16

To be devout is to love God and to try to please Him. What a wonderful description Luke uses in Acts 10:2 to give his readers a vivid picture of Cornelius. He reminds his audience of the believers' responsibility to live in such a way as to please God! This must be the goal of every Christian.

Additionally, we find a social element to the gospel. Cornelius "gave generously to those in need" (v. 2). America is a land of plenty. Even the poor in America live better than most people in countries like Haiti and Guatemala. It's easy to become desensitized to the poor we see daily. You see them with signs in their hands and sad looks on their faces. Yet they often go unnoticed when they occupy the pew behind you at Sunday morning services.

Cheerful givers happily give of their resources to support the ministry of their churches, especially to those who have little. Before welfare, people relied on the church. Ask God to help you give both cheerfully and generously to support kingdom work and those in need!

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