

THE LORD'S REQUIREMENTS

Micah 6:8

God requires moral virtue from those who would seek to please Him

I. GOD'S COMMUNICATION

A. THE INFORMATION: He has told you

1. God has graciously informed us regarding His expectations
2. His announcement is conspicuous not mysterious

B. THE INFORMED: Man

C. THE IDENTIFICATION

1. What is good: Suitable, desirable, beautiful
2. What is required: Non-negotiable

II. GODLY CONDUCT

A. DO JUSTICE

1. Positively: To act in conformity to God's specific and righteous plans
 - Actively engaging in equitable acts
2. Prohibitively: No hurtful words or deeds (see 2:1-2 and 3:2)
3. Practically
 - a. "Hate evil, love good and establish justice in the gate." - Amos 5:15a
 - b. Cry out against the enslavement of others - Jeremiah 22:13
 - c. Care about the afflicted - Isaiah 1:17
 - d. Be aware of injustices and seek to overcome them - James 5:4
 - e. Punish rapists and support their victims - II Samuel 13:14-15

B. LOVE MERCY (Kindness)

1. Action
 - a. Doing favors even to the ungrateful or evil
 - b. Showing forgiveness to the erring and benevolence toward the suffering
 - c. Loving the opportunity to do good
 - 1) Especially toward the lowly, needy and miserable [BDB Hebrew Lexicon]
 - 2) Example: Job in Job 29:12-16 and 31:31-32
2. Application
 - a. Pray for righteous judges who will properly punish evildoers - II Chron. 19:6-7
 - b. Stand up for widows and orphans in distress - James 1:27
 - c. Provide assistance to those rescued from sex trafficking

Over please >

C. WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

1. Our Responsibility
 - a. A selfless submission to God's lordship
 - b. Acknowledging His greatness and our unworthiness
2. Some Responses
 - a. Plead with God about the violence around us - Habakkuk 1:3-4
 - b. Love your neighbor - Luke 10:25-37

CONCLUSION:

But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. - II Timothy 3:13-15

We know that the world is bad (13)

But we know too that God's Word is good (14-15)

Let us continue in what we've learned and be wise!