

Handout November 21, 2025

What Does the Lord Require? Micah 6:8

Welcome back and here we go! As we head towards the holidays, before the madness sets in, let's reset our mental attitudes. How do we do that? By scripture, of course!

Deuteronomy 12:12-22

1) God has _____ us from _____!

Boiled down, He has saved us from sin. He has shown up strong and did for us what we could not, by delivering us from sin, while being active in sin.

2) He has _____ us from sin, while we are _____ in sin!

Imagine you are pardoned from the penalty, not the consequence --- yet forgiven --- while in the very act..... IMAGINE.

So, what should be our response?

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 ¹² "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good."

What does that look like? How should our hearts be postured --- or --- how do you want to **SHOW UP!**

Micah 6:8 *He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*

3) God has _____ you what is _____.

Basic requirements • Kindergarten Rules • Innate Knowledge

Come on.... Is it that hard to do these simple basic things?

"to do justly" (Websters)

- According to what is right or morally fair
- In a way that is well founded – justifiable.

As the holidays approach, we should strive to do what is right. *Moses* laid it out. *Micah* made it simple. Does justice always punish --- or give what we deserve? Simply put: DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

"to love mercy" (Websters)

- Compassion of forgiveness shown when it is within one's power to punish or harm.

4) I must _____ to _____ those who are _____ me!

For the days ahead, I can choose to remember past events, and I can punish you by

- ▶ Not being kind
- ▶ Rehashing events
- ▶ Withholding forgiveness
- ▶ Thinking negative

It is within our power to hold a grudge, to be a jerk. Having said that, sometimes people are TOXIC. We can still show MERCY and FORGIVE. The Jews were rather toxic to Jesus at the end..... actually all the way through!

“to walk humbly”

1 Peter 5:5-11 ⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

To **walk humbly** we have to overcome PRIDE. This is the place where it all falls apart.

5) Pride will not allow me to be _____ or _____!

Pride will not allow me to forgive, allow for concessions, let stuff slide. If we can't do this through the holidays, we are in trouble.

- Traffic
- Lines
- Lies
- Prices
- Family
- Friends of the family
- Money
- So many Pressure Points
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My suggestion today is

- Center yourself before you start your day
- Think of what you can do for others
- Mentally prepare in advance for relatives
- Choose to forgive everyone
- Defer to others.

Philippians 2:1-4 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Romans 13:11-14 ¹¹ And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Let's pray for the days ahead! God is an example. We can forgive, even if people don't get right!

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