

Today's Theme

“How To Bless America“

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What God Wants From Us

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?

1. To live & *function* in a *just* way.

Micah 6:8 . . . To act justly . . .

2. To live & *operate* with *mercy*.

Micah 6:8 . . . and to love mercy . . .

3. To live & *walk humbly* before God.

Micah 6:8 . . . and to walk humbly with your God.

How God Wants Us To Live This Out

1. Be *respectful* of *governing* authorities.

Titus 3:1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient,

1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

2. Be *workers* at the *doing* of *good*.

Titus 3:1 . . . to be ready to do whatever is good
1 Thess 4:11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

3. Be *considerate* & *loving* of others.

Titus 3:2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.
Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Story Of The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” 27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” 36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”