



MESSAGE: Words To Live By | Micah 6:8

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Everyone has words they live by . . .

Are the words you're living by serving you well?

If they are, by all means keep living by them. If they are not, we want to offer you some new possibilities

**THIS WEEK'S WORDS TO LIVE BY: MICAH 6:8**

Anytime you choose words to live by, you want to make sure you are perfectly clear about what they mean:

**Understand the background**

God and Israel made a long-term deal with each other—it's called a covenant

God sends prophets to help Israel keep their part of the deal—prophets are God's early warning system

Israel isn't keeping their end of the bargain and consequences are on the horizon

Hear what God is saying in its original context (Micah 6:1-16)

**God presents his case against Israel (Micah 6:1-2)**

**You have forgotten all that I have done for you (Micah 6:3-5)**

**You have misunderstood your part of the deal—I'm not looking for religious ritual (Micah 6:6-7)**

**I'm looking for the right kind of living (Micah 6:8)**

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV)*

**To act justly means doing the right things and making wrong things right**

**To love mercy means compassionate care is your first response**

**To walk humbly with God means willingly submitting your will to God's will**

**If you're smart you'll pick it up. If you don't, the Assyrian army will pick you apart (Micah 6:9-16)**

**Why live by these words?**

**Under the Old Covenant, living by these words is how one gained God's approval and blessing**

**Under the New Covenant, living by these words is how we join God in accomplishing his purpose**

**How do you live by these words?**

**You can't live by words you haven't experienced**

**Experiencing these words has the power to transform you**

**When you become these words you can live by them**

**What does it look like to live by these words?**

**You are doing the right things and making wrong things right**

**You are responding with compassionate care to the needs of people**

**You are submitting your own will to God's will**

**People who live by these words are world changers!**