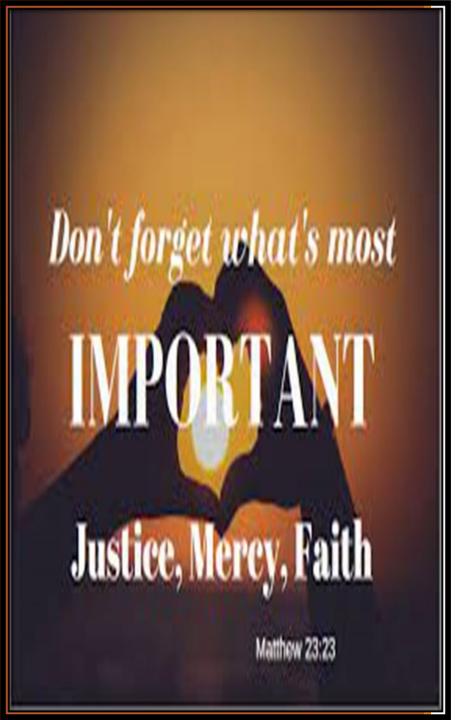


Insight, Instructions, Increase, and Inspiration



Tithing Is Not Everything...But It Is Something

*Matthew 23:23 (NLT)* 

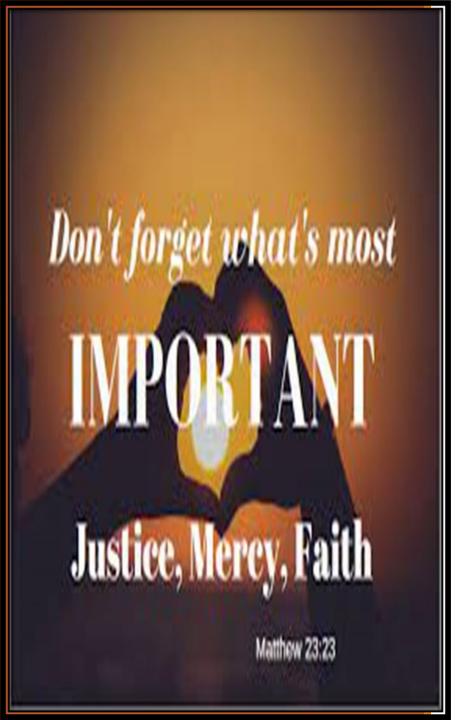
23 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are CAREFUL TO TITHE even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, BUT you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith.

YOU SHOULD TITHE, YES, BUT DO NOT NEGLECT THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS.

### <u>PERSPECTIVE</u>

God Is Concerned About Money And Morals

This A New Testament Passage ~ Tithing Is Still A Principle



Tithing Is Not Everything...But It Is Something

We Have A Tendency To Place Things Into Weightier Categories
There Are Things That We Place More Emphasis On
These Things Are Normally Outward Duties

Jesus Sees Beyond The Surface of the Outward Duties Tithing, Rituals, Ceremonies, and Works

They Were Minimizing The Inward Duties of the Heart

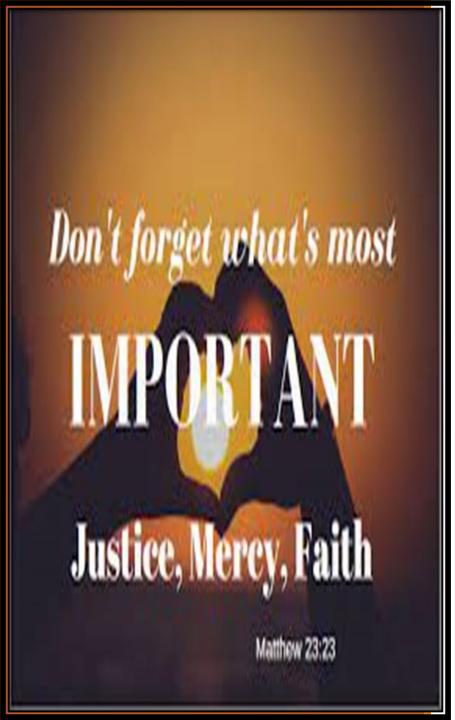
JUSTICE ~ Treating Neighbor With Respect and Dignity

MERCY ~ Having Compassion on the Least, Lost, and Left Out

FAITH ~ Trusting and Believing In God To Supply

They Decided To Pick and Choose What They Were Willing
To Do and Omit The Rest....

They Only Wanted To Look Religious and Not Be Righteous



## Biblical Example

Luke 18:10-14 (NIV)

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

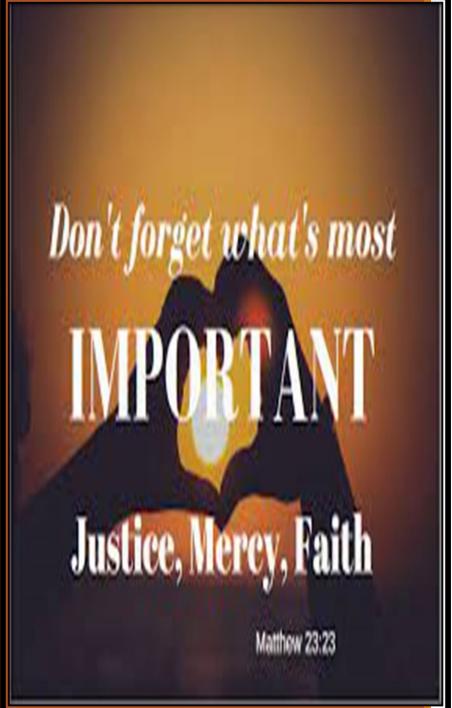
13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home **JUSTIFIED** before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and **HE WHO HUMBLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED.**"

### 1 John 4:20-21 (NIV)

20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21 And he has given us this command:

WHOEVER LOVES GOD MUST ALSO LOVE HIS BROTHER.



## Biblical Example

Luke 10:30-35 (NIV)

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

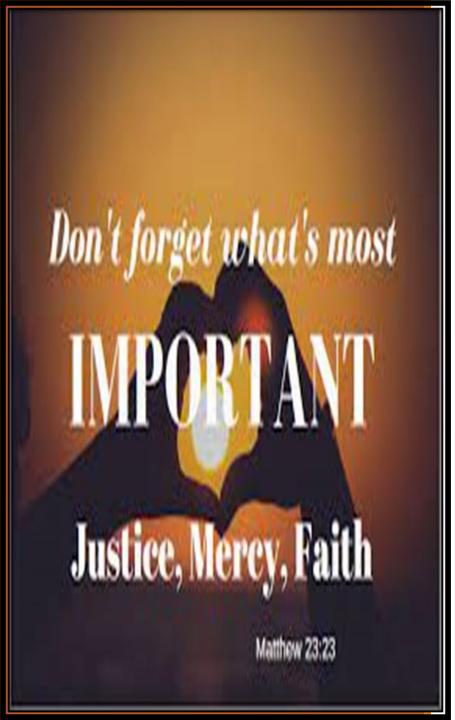
31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two silver coins 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.'



## Day Nineteen Meditation

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

8 He has showed you, O man, 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.

### Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

### 2 Timothy 3:5 (ESV)

5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.

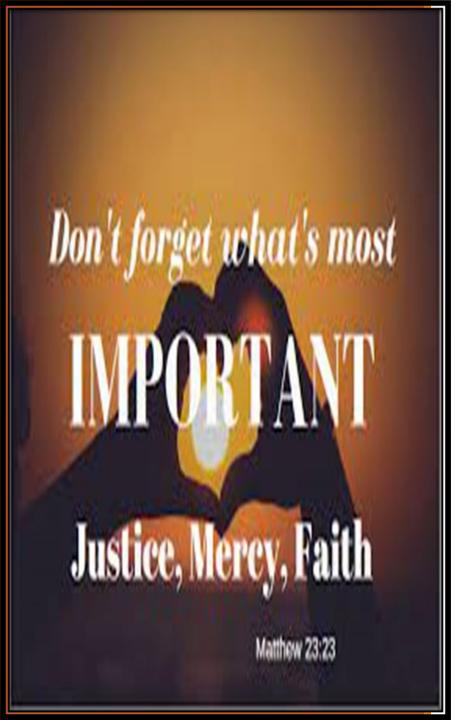
Avoid such people.

### **Romans 12:9 (NLT)**

9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

### **Romans 13:8 (NLT)**

8 Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law.



## Day Nineteen Prayer

God, I Thank You For All Of Your Commandments God, I Thank You For All Of The Scriptures God, I Thank You That You Love Us Enough To Care God, I Thank You That All Of Scripture Is God-Breathed

God, I Pray That I Will Not Pick And Choose How To Serve God, I Pray That I Will Honor All Of The Word of God God, I Pray That You Will Keep Me Rooted In The Word God, I Pray That I Will Show Mercy God, I Pray That I Will Administer Righteous Justice God, I Pray That I Will Maintain My Faith In You God, Keep Me From Having Only A Form Of Godliness Keep Me Steadfast and Unmovable In Your Word In Jesus Name....

Amen