

Living The Word Devotionals

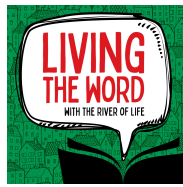
He Has Told You



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Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

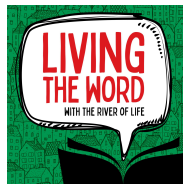
This is such a great verse. It is short, but so rich in truth. Many of us who follow Christ at times try to overcomplicate how we live. We sometimes stress over whether our actions are pleasing to God and what it means to be good in the sight of God. We can get lost in



the weeds of trying to be obedient when God makes it very simple by telling us to do three things.

- 1) Do justice. Unfortunately this word can be taken out of context. Many people who use the word today say they want justice, but what they really want is revenge. Plus, justice to one person may not be justice to another. But God wants us to exhibit his justice. This means we treat everyone equally, take advantage of no one and look out for those others mistreat.
- 2) Love Kindness. Loving kindness is different than being kind. Often we are kind, not because we want to, but because we are expected to be or because we want others to think good of us. But, loving kindness is much different. Loving kindness is being in such a close personal relationship with God that kindness oozes from our body in everything we do and with everyone we meet. It just becomes natural for us to be kind to all people and in all situations no matter our circumstances and no matter how others treat us. When we love kindness, we can exhibit the same type of kindness to others that God exhibits to us.
- 3) Walk humbly with God. This is probably the most important of the three because if you are not humble, you cannot do justice or love kindness. In order to come to Christ, you must first humble yourself before Him, confess your sins and confess he is Lord. That type of humbleness allows you to recognize that God is in control, and you are not.

What about you Christian? As you go about your day, do you do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God? If not, what is stopping you? Just think how different the



world would be if all of us who claim Christ as our Lord would wake up each day and ask God to give us the strength to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with Him?

Let's find out by resolving to do that starting right now.

Make your move Christian.