



BEYOND THE WALLS

OUR 2020 FOCUS



SERMON TITLE: Mercy and Justice

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MICAH 6:8

“And what does the LORD require of you? To act **justly** and to love **mercy** and to walk humbly with your God.”

INSPIRED BY "GENEROUS JUSTICE" BY
TIMOTHY KELLER

Mercy: (chesedh) God's
unconditional love and
compassion.

Justice: (mishpat) Seeing people
treated in a fair and impartial
manner.



MERCY

- heart
- words
- feelers

JUSTICE

- actions
- works
- doers

In Scripture, we learn
that God has a real
soft spot for those
who are economically
and socially
disadvantaged...





ZECHARIAH 7:9

“Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, 'This is what the LORD of Hosts says: 'Administer true justice. Show loving devotion and compassion to one another....'"



ZECHARIAH 7:10

"....Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. And do not plot evil in your hearts against one another.."

GOD HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR:

- 1. The Widow**
- 2. The Fatherless**
- 3. The Foreigner**
- 4. The Poor**






ACCORDING TO
(PSALM 146, 7-8, PSALM 68:4-5),
GOD IS:

- 1. A FATHER to the fatherless.**
 - 2. A DEFENDER of widows.**
 - 3. A LOVE of the immigrant.**
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**Timothy
Keller,
Generous
Justice**

**“GOD LOVES AND DEFENDS
THOSE WITH THE LEAST
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
POWER, AND SO SHOULD
WE. THAT IS WHAT IT
MEANS TO ‘DO JUSTICE’.”**



When you are
passionate about
what God is
passionate about,
God will back you up!





**GET UNDER THE
WATERFALL...**



PROVERBS 19:17

"...Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and **he will repay him** for his deed."



PROVERBS 22:9

“Whoever has a bountiful eye **will be blessed,
for he shares his bread with the poor.”**



PROVERBS 28:27

“Whoever gives to the poor **will not want**, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.”



PSALM 112:9

“He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; **his horn is exalted in honor.**”

The rewards
shouldn't be our only
motive, yet they are
real...



The nation of Israel...





SEE
DEUTERONOMY 4:6-7

“...they are so wise and understanding...
...God is really among these people and
answers their prayers”
(paraphrased)

Job, the most just man...





JOB 1:1B

"Job...This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil..."



JOB 29:15-16

“I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. I was a **father to the needy**, and I **searched out the cause** of him whom I did not know.”

Job was:

- 1) Emotionally invested.
- 2) Intentionally seeking out ways to help.



THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

- There was none needy among them (Acts 4:34).
- They took care for their widows (Acts 6:1).
- They sent money to other regions (2 Corinthians 8).





Feeling gross?

Feeling good?





Disadvantaged





Wicked



If people are
disadvantaged
because it was their
own fault...how
should we respond to
them?





While hard work is a
valid (and biblical
reason) for success,
the main reason is
God's grace.



DEUTERONOMY 8:18

“Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful”

When we succeed + prosper....



humble

● not proud



grateful

● not entitled.



generous

● not stingy.



DEUTERONOMY
24:14,17,19

“When you are harvesting your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back and get it. It is **for** the immigrant, the fatherless, and the widow.”

leave a portion for...

