



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

What the Lord Requires

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Highlighted Scripture

- **Micah 6:6-8 (KJV)**

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Micah contrasts impressive offerings with the covenant life God had already made known to his people. Justice, steadfast mercy, and humble fellowship with God are not a price paid to earn his favor; they are the faithful response of people who belong to him and depend on his grace.

- **Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)**

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Tony closes with the priestly blessing God gave Israel through Moses. Its words remind us that God's keeping, grace, and peace are gifts we receive from him, then carry into the way we treat others.

Discussion Questions

- Where are you tempted to substitute visible religious activity for the quieter obedience of justice, mercy, and humility?
- Think of a current relationship or decision. What would doing justly require from you - honesty, fairness, protection of someone vulnerable, or making something right?
- What makes mercy difficult for you in practice, and how can remembering the mercy God has shown you reshape your response?
- How would walking humbly with God change the way you make plans, receive correction, or use your influence this week?
- How can you pursue these commands as a response to God's grace rather than as an attempt to prove yourself or earn his approval?

Reflection Challenge

For the next seven days, bring one real situation before God each morning and ask him to show you the just, merciful, and humble next step. Keep it small enough to obey that day.

Ask yourself:

- Who is affected by my choice, and what would be fair and faithful toward them?
- Where am I withholding mercy because I want to punish, control, or protect my pride?
- What do I need to admit, learn, or surrender in order to walk humbly with God?
- Am I obeying from trust in God's grace, or trying to prove that I am good enough?

Try this:

- Choose one unresolved decision, write down the just next step, and take it within twenty-four hours.
- Show one specific act of mercy without pretending that wrong is right or avoiding a needed boundary.
- Pray Micah 6:8 each morning and invite God to correct both your actions and your motives.
- At the end of each day, record one place where you received God's grace and one way you passed it on.

Remember

- God desires a life shaped by his character, not a performance meant to impress him.
- To do justly is to pursue what is right in God's eyes, not personal revenge or advantage.
- To love mercy is to value compassion and faithfulness, not merely display them when convenient.
- To walk humbly is to remain teachable, active, and dependent on God.
- Justice, mercy, and humility are fruit of God's grace, not the price of his favor.
- God's keeping, gracious presence, and peace are blessings to receive and share.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for showing us what is good. Form your character in us so that we pursue what is right, love mercy from the heart, and walk humbly with you. Expose the places where pride, fear, or self-interest shape our choices, and give us courage to obey you in practical ways.

Keep us from treating obedience as a way to earn your love. Help us receive your grace with gratitude and let that grace overflow toward the people around us. Bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us, be gracious to us, and give us your peace.

In Jesus' name, Amen.