

Practice Justice
The Way of Love – Part 4
Life Church St. Louis – February 9, 2020
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Micah 6:8 (ESV) He [the LORD] 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?

Matthew 5:13-14 (ESV) “You are the salt of the earth, ... “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

1. Understand the biblical _____ system

1A. _____ and honest

Exodus 18:21-22 (ESV) Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.

1B. _____ and orderly

Deuteronomy 16:18-19a (ESV) “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not pervert justice.

Deuteronomy 17:8b-9 (ESV) ... any case within your towns that is too difficult for you, then you shall arise and go up to the place that the LORD your God will choose. And you shall come to the Levitical priests and to the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall consult them, and they shall declare to you the decision.

2. Justice requires _____

2A. Truth brings _____

Exodus 20:16 (ESV) “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

2B. Justice sustains _____

Deuteronomy 19:15 (ESV) “A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.

Deuteronomy 19:18-19 (ESV) The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

3. Justice must be _____

3A. Must be _____

Exodus 21:23-24 (ESV) But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

3B. Must be _____

Leviticus 19:15 (ESV) “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. What does it mean to do justice (Micah 6:8)?

Intro. Why is the Bible the only source to determine what justice is?

Intro. What is the church's role in influencing the justice of our government?

Intro. Why is it imperative that believers influence politics as part of the church (Matthew 5:13-14)?

1A. What solution did Jethro propose, and why was this a good and effective solution to Moses' governing (Exodus 18:13-26, especially v 21-22)?

1B. What are some principles of Christian leadership and justice we can learn from Jethro's advice?

1C. What is the value of having a clear plan for proper judgement in a community (Deuteronomy 16:18-29, 17:8-9)?

1D. How should these principles of justice affect our participation in the political process?

2A. What are the purposes of the ninth commandment regarding justice (Exodus 20:16)?

2B. How does it benefit a community when members feel assured that matters are being handled in a truthful manner?

2C. How does Deuteronomy 19:15 and 19:18-19 protect against false witnesses?

2D. Why is truthfulness essential in all of our relationships?

3A. What is the difference between vengeance and justice?

3B. How does the principle of 'an eye for an eye' represent justice (Exodus 21:22-25)?

3C. Why must justice be done with impartiality (Leviticus 19:15)?

3D. In what ways must the church be impartial (James 2:1-9)?

3E. How should we as believers respond to injustice in our nation?