



**Doing Justice:  
From Talk to  
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**What is Justice?**

**Making things right according to God's character.**

**“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?”**

**Micah 6:8**

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**What justice looks like in the body?**

**Seeing a need within the body, and working together  
as the body to meet that need.**

**“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one  
another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love  
one another. By this all people will know that you are  
my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

**John 13:34,35**

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**What justice looks like in our city?**

**“Who is my neighbor?”**

**“Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?”**

**Isaiah 58:7**

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**What is our motivation for doing justice?**

**It’s a command found throughout the whole of Scripture.  
We have the love of Christ inside us.**

**“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love  
and good works...” Hebrews 10:24**

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**Jesus pushes us to stop saying “those people” and start acting in a way that helps them become “God’s people”.**

**“The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Matthew 23:11,12**

**“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”**

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**We need to understand that this is not a new idea.**

**“To love our neighbor as ourselves is the sum of the moral law respecting our fellow creatures. And to help them, and to contribute to their relief is the most natural expression of this love. It is vain to pretend to a spirit of love to our neighbors, when it is grievous to us to part with anything for their help...They who love only in word...and not deed, have no love in truth.”**

**Jonathan Edwards January 3, 1732**

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**“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

**For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:31-40**

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**"True love is always observant, and the eyes of Jesus never missed the sight of need. Nobody could accuse him of being like the priest and Levite in his parable of the Good Samaritan. Of both it is written, 'he saw him'. Yet each saw him without seeing, for he looked the other way, and so 'passed by on the other side'. Jesus, on the other hand, truly 'saw'. He was not afraid to look human need in the face, in all its ugly reality.**

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And what he saw invariably moved him to compassion, and so to compassionate service. Sometimes, he spoke. But his compassion never dissipated itself in words; it found expression in deeds. He saw, he felt, he acted. The movement was from the eye to the heart, and from the heart to the hand. His compassion was always aroused by the sight of need, and it always led to constructive action." **John Stott**

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