

What does God require from me?

Micah 6:6-8 (TNIV)

With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown all you people what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To **act justly** and to **love mercy**

and to **walk humbly with your God.**

Matthew 23:1-4 (ESV)

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. **For they preach, but do not practice.** They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.

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"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. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Outward expressions of LOVE

Act Justly: right decisions according to God's commands

Love Mercy: compassion and kindness for the unworthy

Walk Humbly: faithful submission to the One who is worthy

Your Heart is Important,
Not Just Your Action

Religious Obligation vs. Grateful Love

Believe Better: Focus on the message of the cross (upward);

Breathe Better: see ourselves as new in light of grace (inward);

Behave Better: respond with a purpose for the kingdom (outward).

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;** that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and **entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

- Reconciled us back to himself - UPWARD
- We are a new creation - INWARD
- Entrusting to us the message - OUTWARD

20 **Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.** We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Relational Cash

Basic Rules:

- Relational Cash becomes Influence
- Earn Cash then Spend It (**Implore**)
- You can **Waste** or **Forfeit** Cash Earned

**Let's increase and use our Influence
to Implore on behalf of Christ!
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