

Gifts From God

January 13

Humility and Relationships

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Focus on Christ

Do you have a relationship with God? Do you love God? How would you describe your relationship with God?

In this passage, God's people moved away from an intimate relationship with Him. The way they were relating to Him was through cold hearts going through the routine of ritual and sacrifice. Their hearts were no longer in love with God. While they were offering animals, oils, and anything else that was temporal, God was desiring worship from the inward heart. He wanted their hearts!

Christ wants you to worship Him inwardly. When you do, then the outward acts in this world will be based on your love for Christ. No longer should you serve others just because there is a need. You should serve, "For the love of Christ compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14).

God is looking for service out of a love for Him. You can help people and not love God. This is not the Love of Christ. It is much more personal and relational when you desire time with Christ. Many are trying to buy a relationship with Christ by what they do for Him. He wants you to spend time with Him.

Notice 3 things in this verse that helps us relate properly to God.

1. Act justly
2. Love mercy
3. Walk humbly

If the heart is right, then the action is right. When the heart is right, mercy will be shown to those who need help. When you walk humbly, you will grow in your relationship with God. You cannot separate these three. They all happen together when you are rightly related to God.

To walk humbly means to be in an open relationship with God that is empty of pride and arrogance. An open relationship means to show yourself to other people without hidden agendas or a deceptive heart.

God loves you and desires a closeness with you. Sometimes people think God does not love them because they have encountered difficult times. Christ answered the question of His Love for you when He gave His Life for you. Jesus went through a difficult time when He offered Himself as a sacrifice for your life. Because of this great Love, He wants you to walk humbly with Him. Recognize you have nothing to offer God and a renewed humbleness will be present in your heart.