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May Your Will Be Done – Part 3



As Kingdom Citizens, we serve a King who is just in all His ways. His justice comes out of His inner being and is based on His holiness, truthfulness, and righteousness. Deuteronomy 32:4

God's justice is both retributive and restorative. It not only punishes evildoing, but it restores those who are victims of injustice. Justice, then, is giving people what they are due, whether punishment, protection, or care.

Luke 4:16–19

Jesus came to open the way to salvation and establish a kingdom of justice. As His followers, we are called to _____ justly and _____ for justice.

The facets of biblical justice

1. Radical _____.
 - Justice is taking what God has blessed you with and leveraging it for the good of those who are in need. Proverbs 22:9, Luke 12:32–33
 - We have a moral obligation to both God and those in need to use our goods unselfishly and with great generosity to serve, according to both our ability and their needs.
2. Universal _____.
 - Biblical justice requires that every person be treated according to the same standards and with the same respect, regardless of class, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, or any other social category. James 2:1–4

- Jesus shocked the social sensibilities of the day by receiving and treating all classes of people with equal love and respect. Just as Jesus stood for equality so we must do the same.
3. Life-changing _____.
 - While we are to treat all equally, and not show partiality to any, we are to have special concern for the poor, the weak, and the powerless. Proverbs 31:8–9, Isaiah 58:6–7, James 1:27
 - We are acting justly and being an advocate when we take action to meet a material need in someone's life, when we empower others to gain self-sufficiency, and when we take on the social structures that disadvantage certain groups.

Working for Justice

"The institutional church's job is to make disciples rather than change society, but it has to form disciples in such a way that they go out into the world to do justice." Abraham Kuyper

1. Listen and learn to be _____ . Proverbs 29:7
2. Allow God's Word to be your _____ . James 1:22
3. Put your faith to _____ . Matthew 5:16

"You cannot do justice without recognizing how power has been used to exploit and abuse, but you also cannot do justice without exerting power yourself." Timothy Keller

Answers: live, work; generosity; equality; advocacy; informed; guide; action



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