

What is
Righteousness?

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2-3 They ask me for just decisions
and seem eager for God to come
near them.

³ ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,
‘and you have not seen it?
Why have we humbled ourselves,
and you have not noticed?’

5 Is this the kind of fast I have
chosen,
only a day for people to
humble themselves?
Is it only for bowing one’s head like a
reed
and for lying in sackcloth and
ashes?
Is that what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

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⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I
have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your food with
the hungry
and to provide the poor
wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to
clothe them,
and not to turn away from your
own flesh and blood?

MATHEW 25

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’



Righteousness has more to do with how we love others than just how moral we are.

Mat 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



Righteous living isn't about bringing attention to ourselves, it is to bring attention to the goodness of God.

Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

APPLICATION

Ask God to help you see opportunities to share love and kindness with others.

Make time into your life for acts of kindness.



2 Cor 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.