

Just Heart

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

What exactly is doing justice? Doing justice is not what I decide is fair or what I decide is equal. It is not pleasing the majority or making sure everyone is happy. Doing justice is what God does first and calls us to lovingly imitate. Reconciliation is central to God's justice.

God gives us two more requirements, to be merciful and to walk with God. These two help us to do justice. We can consult God before acting when we walk with God daily. And when we are merciful, even our mistakes are tempered with love. These three daily requirements are like taking a daily vitamin full of all that we need for a healthier body. These daily requirements help us to gauge whether we are dealing with people on our terms or on God's terms. For disciples, followers of Christ, we must say to ourselves daily, "it's not about me" when bringing good news to those in need. God is most pleased with us when we are walking alongside faithfully, doing justice, and showing mercy.

Place your hand over a bowl.

With the other, take a pitcher of water and pour the water over your hand while reading Amos 5:24: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Ponder this:

- 1. Is doing justice part of your daily actions?***
- 2. Examine these three requirements on a regular basis.***