

# Requirements

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Micah 6:8 (ESV)

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

**God has told us what is good, or the way things should be.**

**The word “good” was first used in Gen.1:4.**

Genesis 1:4 (ESV)

And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

**The way God created things is good! God is the source of all values; and if we are wrong about him, we can soon be wrong about everything**

**The foundation of all knowledge is based on what God has said is good.**

Proverbs 1:7 (ESV)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge!

**Since God has told us what is good in the Bible, what does HE require of us or what is our requirement? Micah lists three requirements: do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with our God.**

**#1 Requirement Do justice:** This means to do what God says is good over wrong. It is right over wrong. Anything that is contrary to the good and holy purposes of God is wrong, bad, inferior, or evil. One of the chief issues today is that the world is calling good, evil and evil, good. God warns us!

Isaiah 5:20 (ESV)

Woe to those who call **evil good**  
and **good evil**,  
who put darkness for light  
and light for darkness!

**We can see this today. Christian values are being declared as wrong or hate speech. Not only is the world calling good, evil and evil, good, they are firmly committed to their error!**

Isaiah 5:18 (ESV)

Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood,  
who draw sin as with cart ropes.

**All this is not a surprise to God, and HE is telling us not to be surprised! We as Christians are to do justice. We are to stand for what God has declared is good.**

**#2 Requirement Love Mercy:** This means doing justice with mercy. Our mission is not to punish people. For Christians the greatest message of mercy is that Jesus has paid the penalty for our sin. In loving kindness, we share that message. Therefore, doing God's good is wrapped in mercy.

Colossians 3:12 (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

**Mercy always includes those less fortunate than us.**

James 1:27 (ESV)

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**#3 Requirement Walk humbly with our God:** For Christians all our behavior is directly related to our relationship with Jesus. Humility means lowly, submissive, etc. Yet Biblically there is a sense of confidence and power with humility. For me to reconcile the sense of lowliness with confidence and power is to realize that "all hope" is with God. Which means humility rests in the "hope" of God. Humility means "I can't do it" myself with the confidence "God can do it". With this in mind, Jesus gives us the most powerful statement of humility, "I can't but God can!"

Matthew 19:26 (ESV)

But Jesus looked at them and said, **"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."**

In a human sense this is what Jesus did on earth, "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with HIS God!"

**So often we want to know what God wants us to do. When we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, God HIMSELF will move mountains and direct our every step!**

**We have the greatest message of justice, mercy, and humility!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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