

Masculinity of Righteousness

1Tim 6:11-14

1 Timothy 6:3-6 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, **4** he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, **5** and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of **gain**. **6** But godliness with contentment is great **gain**.

1 Timothy 6:7-10 for we brought nothing into the world, and[c] we cannot take anything out of the world. **8** But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. **9** But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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«Pursue» - **διώκω** –figuratively, as being zealous; for a person *run after, pursue*; as an earnest striving after something *pursue, follow after, seek after*

I. Commitment to righteousness

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Psalms 15:1-2 O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? **2** He who walks blamelessly and **does what is right** and **speaks truth in his heart**;

Psalms 119:142 Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

Psalms 119:128 Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

II. The significance of righteousness for society

Deuteronomy 12:25 that all may go well with you and with your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord.

Exodus 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Exodus 20:15 You shall not steal.

Exodus 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Ephesians 6:1-2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, **for this is right.** **2** “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise)

Leviticus 19:35-36 You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. **36** You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 25:13-16 You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, a large and a small. **14** You shall not have in your house two kinds of measures, a large and a small. **15** A full and fair weight you shall have, a full and fair measure you shall have, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. **16** For all who do such things, **all who act dishonestly, are an abomination to the Lord your God.**

Deuteronomy 1:16-17 and I charged your judges at that time, ‘Hear the cases between your brothers, and **judge righteously** between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. **17** You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, **for the judgment is God's.**

2 Samuel 8:15 So David reigned over all Israel. **And David administered justice and equity** to all his people.

Righteousness (צְדָקָה) is being in line with what is true. Judgement (מִשְׁפָּט) is a judicial decision, which corresponds to truth.

Isaiah 5:20-21 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! **21** Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!

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III. Spiritual significance of righteousness

Isaiah 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

Romans 3:4 Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.”

Revelation 20:10-13 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. **11** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. **13** And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.

Revelation 21:27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Galatians 3:10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."

Romans 3:21-24 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Romans 3:25-26 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. **26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so **that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

- The Man of God is committed to righteousness
- The Man of God values God's perspective on reality
- The Man of God takes every opportunity to learn God's truth and think in accordance with it
- The Man of God will always run to the cross, understanding that only there he can be righteous