

Kingdom Politics: Priorities (Part 2)

“Loving Kindness & Walking Humbly”

“What is a Christian’s responsibility in politics...how are we supposed to walk this out?”

• **(Micah 6:6-8)**

“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief.

Do Justly, Now. Love Kindness, Now. Walk Humbly, Now.

You are not obligated to complete the work. But neither are you free to abandon it.

Justice Does

• **Last Week We Looked at the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)**

○ *“But what does that look like in our everyday life NOW where I live?”*

○ I want to encourage to take time in your Life Groups, with your kids, and in your prayer time with the Lord -- to ask this specific question.

○ I gave you several passages with strong *justice* action-words.

- “Speak Up”
- “Ensure”
- “See to it they get Justice...”
- “Correct Oppression”
- “Plead the cause on behalf of...”
- “Do what is right...”
- “Rescue”



**To say “Justice Does!” Implies Action
Your first action is to care enough
about it that you seek out the answers**

Next week I’ll be speaking on the **METHODS** of the King and those belonging to the Kingdom.

Matthew 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field...

Will you DIG to find opportunities for ordinary action that are within your grasp and email them to me? I will share what you find with your brothers and sisters as we move forward in becoming “Reconcilers” – Learning how to Overcome Offenses on a personal and Cultural level.

Love Kindness

What does it mean to “Love Kindness?”

• Hebrew word *hesed* which means **“loyal love”** or a **“committed love”**

○ Regardless of how you treat me; and regardless of how I feel..

• Paul Miller tells a story about he and his wife – married to for many years

○ One night as they were going to bed she asked him *“do you love me ?”*

▪ He said *“Yes, I love you”* – but then she asked him again

▪ He thought *“What’s going on? I thought she just needed reassurance”*

▪ He said *“Yes”* again, and she asked him a third time...

• He realized she was struggling with **doubting** his love for her...

• To **Love Kindness** means you leave no doubt of the loyalty of your love and commitment!

Psalm 89:14-15, 17

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

Lovingkindness (*hesed*) and faithfulness go out before You.

How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!

You are...their strength!

- **God's Work for Righteousness and Justice are Accomplished by His Committed Love**
 - When you feel God's presence...when you know He's with you...
 - You're no longer afraid...
 - You feel the strength of hope...
 - You know whatever comes, "*It is Well...*"
- **What would it look like for you to Love the hurting, and the oppressed like that?**
- **What ways could you show a *hesed* (loyal and committed) kind of love where**
 - **There is no doubt of your loyalty...**
 - **Your presence and action gives those hurting and oppressed strength...**
 - **It helps them to begin to overcome fear and anxiety...**
 - **It leads to an "It is Well" in their soul...?**

Walk Humbly with God

Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes.

- What sickens and hurts me most about the nature of offense between two people, or between the growing political and social factions of our nation is the **Arrogance**, the **Sarcasm**, the **Accusation**, the **Blame**, and the **Unwillingness to Humble Oneself and try to walk in another's shoes and see through another's eyes...**

Proverbs 12:15 **Fools always think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.**

1. Ask the Lord
2. Ask Your Friends
3. Ask Your Opponents

Let me Summarize What I Am Asking of Each of You this Week?

To be True Citizens of the Eternal Kingdom; to be true followers of the King, You must care enough to Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with God.

That means You Care Enough to Dig for the Answers to the Questions of Reconciliation:

1. **What does Doing Justice look like for me now in word and in action?**
2. **What ways can I deliver Loving Kindness (*hesed*) now to the hurting and oppressed that gives them strength, reassurance, and an "It is well" kind of peace in their souls?**
3. **What advice does the Lord, My Friends, and My Opponents give me in how I can better live a life devoted to justice, mercy, and humility in service to them.**

"For the Son of Man (the King) came not to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28