

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

We have all gone through those times of thinking, “*What does God want from me?*” Sometimes it’s in regard to life in general, or as a Christian, what God wants us to do for His glory.

The message bible puts today verse like this.

† **Micah 6:8 (MSG)** *But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what GOD is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.*

So reading these things, have we figured out what God wants from us? Well, according to what God told the prophet Micah, it’s not a huge laundry list of do’s and don’ts, and “*It's quite simple*” so much so that “*he's already made it plain how to live, what to do*” and we can break it down into three things from today’s verse.

First “**To do justly**” or “*Do what is fair and just to your neighbor*” and we may look out our window at our next-door neighbor’s house and think that is what God is talking about. But remember Jesus was asked that very same question, “*who is my neighbor?*” **Luke 10:29b** and when we read Jesus’ response, He tells the parable about the good Samaritan, with the ending for the parable being this.

† **Luke 10:36-37** “*So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?*” And he said, “*He who showed mercy on him.*” Then Jesus said to him, “*Go and do likewise.*”

So, really our neighbor is anyone in need. Sure it could be the neighbor right outside our window, but it could be a person working at the grocery store, or at work, or a stranger that we see on the street, just like the Samaritan did.

Next, we are “**To love mercy**” or “*be compassionate and loyal in your love*” Focusing on the word “*neighbor*” from the first part and “*love*” from the second part. Didn’t Jesus say.

† **Mark 12:31b** “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”

Or thinking of “**To love mercy.**” We all love mercy when it has to do with ourselves. Yet how often do we want, or even pray for mercy for others? So to “**To love mercy**” and to “*be compassionate and loyal in your love*” is not about self, which this world teaches us that

everything is all about. But rather, having mercy on others. Just as God has had mercy on each of us, as well as loving others, just as God loves us.

Finally, we are to “*walk humbly with your God.*”

Humility is not a pity party or thinking less of yourself to the point that you think “*I am dirt, I am lower than dirt, blah, blah, blah,*” that’s all that kind of thinking is, a bunch of empty words. Remember, GOD saw you and His thoughts were that He loved us all so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us all, so don’t use false humility to put down the one Jesus died for.

To “*walk humbly with your God*” is two key things, and the first is that we must “walk with God.” Sounds simple, yet how many know God, yet they are not walking with God, meaning God is not first in their life, He is more of an afterthought in time of need, or He is their God on Sunday when they go to church. No, we must all walk with God all the time, not just on Sunday and not just during our morning devotional time. But ALL the time. And we do that humbly, which is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.

Let me repeat that, “**Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.**” Which means we walk with God, looking out for the needs of others, even before our own needs. Just like Jesus did.

So to answer the question of, “*What does God want from me?*” based upon today’s scripture, it’s to walk with God always, and do for others. Or as Jesus summed it up for us as that we should.

† **Mark 12:29-31** *Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."*