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“What In The World Are We Doing Here?”

(Micah 6:1-8)

How _____ does God really demand out of me?

Micah 6:8 – “He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

This text has three easily discerned sections:

- Do _____
- Love _____
- Walk _____ with God

It also deals in a simple way with the age-old question, “What does God _____?”

Micah is considered one of the _____ Prophets.

He was a contemporary of 3 better known prophets: Isaiah, _____, and _____.

We could imagine Micah like an 8th century version of _____ calling for income equality.

#1.- Let’s begin with the call to love _____.

Of course, the _____ places no limits on our kindness.

We are to pour out _____ of love and _____ even toward those we may deem undeserving.

Kindness is the first business of a _____ of Jesus.

If you were given a dollar for every kind word or deed which you said or did, and then had to give back fifty cents for every unkind word or deed, would you be rich or poor?

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#2.- We are also to do _____.

Kindness is an individual _____.

Justice is the _____ that followers of Jesus have for making certain that every person has a decent _____ for a healthy, wholesome, rewarding life.

No concept is more Christian or more American than is the _____ for justice.

_____ justice is much more complicated than _____ kindness – but it is equally a part of Christian witness!

#3.- Walk _____ with your God.

Few characteristics are as appealing in a person as is genuine _____.

Jesus wasn’t talking about the shy, timid person who serves as the world’s _____. He was talking about people who are so committed to serving God and others that they have an astounding _____ on our world!

The meekness or humility that Jesus, and Micah, are talking about is the person who has so surrendered their life completely to God that they develop fierce _____ and persistence in seeing God’s _____ be realized.

This kind of humility or meekness leads to tremendous _____ and effectiveness in life!

Whatever else you are involved in; I hope and pray you are engaged in these three simple but courageous activities:

- _____ Justice
- _____ Kindness
- Walking _____ with God