

WHAT THE LORD REQUIRES

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8

Introduction:

1. E.g. Going to the tag office without all the proper documentation.
2. To be pleasing unto God we must have an understanding of what He requires of us.
3. The Lord requires for us to...

I. DO JUSTLY

A. TOWARD GOD

1. Note the trouble of not doing justly -Zec 7:8-14; 8:16, 17
 - a. God desired man to walk justly before Him and his fellow man.
 - b. Because they did not, they went into captivity.
2. Today we must keep the commandments of God -Mt 7:21-23
 - a. We are not walking justly before God by calling Him "Lord"
 - b. We must add to that the obedience to His will

B. TOWARD MAN -Ep 4:25-32

1. One must not lie to one another
2. One must not steal
3. One must control the tongue

II. LOVE MERCY

A. GOD SHOWS GREAT MERCY

1. He showed great mercy to Israel -Mic 7:18, 19
 - a. He had compassion on them although they had sinned.
 - b. God delights in showing mercy upon them.
2. He shows great mercy to us today through His Son
 - a. The love of God was demonstrated on the cross -Ro 5:6-8
 - b. Jesus continues to be our: Mediator, High Priest, and Advocate

B. WE TOO MUST SHOW GREAT MERCY

1. We show mercy to those in need
 - a. Widows and orphans -Ja 1:27
 - b. The poor -Ga 2:10
2. We show mercy even to our enemies -Mt 5:43, 44
 - a. We pray for them
 - b. We do good to them (including forgiveness)

III. WALK HUMBLY

A. LOOK AT THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

1. He was equal with God the Father in the beginning -Ph 2:5, Jn 17:5
 - a. This was His rightful place -Jn 17:5; Ph 2:5
 - b. Through Him the world was created -Jn 1:1-3
2. Jesus humbled Himself for our benefit
 - a. He submitted to the Father -Jn 5:30
 - b. He was faithful to the death on the cross -Ph 2:5-8

B. WE WALK IN HUMILITY

1. Remembering our blessings come from God
 - a. We give thanks for all things -Ep 5:20
 - b. Thankfulness and pride cannot co-exist in the same heart
2. Remembering our salvation is only through Christ, not of us
 - a. Our goodness was not enough -Is 64:4
 - b. Only Jesus could save man from his sins -Ac 4:12

Conclusion:

1. Our number one goal should be to live in such a way that God is always pleased with us.
2. This goal motivates us to seek out His will, and to walk in all His ways as He has commanded.