

**RIGHTEOUSNESS;
LIVING RIGHT WITH GOD**

'Can a mortal be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?' (Job 4:17, NKJV)

“ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him (righteousness) without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.

We are made right with God (righteous) by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,”
(Romans 3:21–25, NLT)

“...there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

(Acts 4:12, NASB95)

Righteousness is a state of integrity in relation to God and one's fellowman, expressing itself in one's acts and speech.

First things First

*“To receive instruction in wise behavior,
Righteousness, justice and equity...The fear of the
LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise
wisdom and instruction...Then you will discern
righteousness and justice And equity and every
good course...So you will walk in the way of good
men And keep to the paths of the righteous.”*

(Proverbs 1:3, 7: 2:9, 20, NASB95)

How is your prayer life?

“When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:13–14, NKJV)

How is your fasting?

“WHENEVER YOU FAST, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

“But you, WHEN YOU FAST, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:16–18, NASB95)

“ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
(Matthew 26:41, NKJV)

“ When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

“I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.” And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.”

And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?"

And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

“But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.””

(Matthew 17:14–21, NASB95)

How is your time in the Word?

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

(Joshua 1:8, NKJV)

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16–17, NLT)

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12, NASB95)

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

(Romans 10:17, NKJV)

How is your sharing of the Gospel?

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matthew 28:19–20, NKJV)

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?”

As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

(Romans 10:14–15, NKJV)

Are you part of a small group gathering? (Life Group/Gathering)

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42–47, NASB95)