

## THE GREATEST INVESTMENT EVER!!

### 10 Ways Of Practicing Righteousness

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1. **Obey God's Commandments:** This is foundational to biblical righteousness. Deuteronomy 6:25, obedience to God's commandments is considered righteousness.
2. **Have Faith in Jesus Christ:** Righteousness is linked to faith in Jesus. Romans 3:22 states that righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.
3. **Love God and Your Neighbor:** Jesus summarizes the Law as loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind and loving your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40). Acting in love fulfills the law and is a practical expression of righteousness.
4. **Pursue Justice and Mercy:** Micah 6:8 directs us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Righteousness involves advocating for justice and showing mercy to others.
5. **Practice Humility:** Biblical righteousness is not self-righteous or prideful but is marked by humility. Philippians 2:3-4 encourages us to consider others better than ourselves and look out for the interests of others.
6. **Engage in Spiritual Disciplines:** Practices such as prayer, fasting, attending church, and studying Scripture are ways to cultivate a righteous life, as they help us align with God's will and character (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
7. **Integrity and Honesty:** Living righteously includes being honest and having moral integrity in one's dealings. Proverbs 11:3 emphasizes that the integrity of the upright guides them.
8. **Generosity and Giving:** Generous acts of giving reflect God's character and are considered righteous (2 Corinthians 9:9).
9. **Forgiveness:** Extending forgiveness to others as God has forgiven us is a key aspect of practicing righteousness (Ephesians 4:32).
10. **Moral Purity:** Righteous living includes personal holiness and purity in conduct. 1 Peter 1:15-16 calls us to be holy in all our behavior.

Remember: these are not just to be outside actions. You must do them with a sincere heart, for God looks at the heart. *Je 17:10 (NKJV) — 10 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.*

***What you do with your quantity of time today will determine your quality of time tomorrow!***

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Additional Scriptures: Add these to the ones in the message, for even greater clarity.

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- 1 Jn 2:1 (ESV) — 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- 1 Jn 3:10 (ESV) — 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.
- 1 Jn 2:29 (ESV) — 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.
- Ro 2:13 (ESV) — 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.
  - If we practice righteousness, we will be declared righteous.
- Ro 4:5 (ESV) — 5 And to the one who does not work *but believes in him* who justifies the ungodly, *his faith is counted as righteousness,*
  - The practice of righteousness reveals our faith in Christ to impute righteousness apart from works.
- Jas 2:18 (ESV) — 18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, *and I will show you my faith by my works.*
- 2 Co 5:21 (ESV) — 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that *in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- Pr 21:21 (ESV) — 21 Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.
- Ps 34:15 (NKJV) — 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.
- Is 3:10 (NKJV) — 10 “Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
- Mt 6:33 (NKJV) — 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- No investment on earth can match the guaranteed returns of devoting time to the Practice of Righteousness!
  - Remember: *Practice Makes Perfect!*
- **Investing time in practicing righteousness is The Greatest Investment Ever!**