

The Proverbs: Choosing Wisdom in a Foolish World

Do Justice, Gain Wisdom

Proverbs 31:8-9; Psalm 146:1-10; Micah 6:8

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Giving ascent to the Christian faith and being a maturing follower of Jesus are different things and can be summed up as ...”one believes the right things, the other grows into doing right.” Justice is—meeting life situations and doing right in the character of God.

Three ways how justice and compassion can get cultivated in your life making your faith real so you become a wise, fully devoted follower of Christ:

- 1. You will grow in wisdom regarding justice and mercy when you see and worship the God of mercy and justice.**
- 2. For true maturity as followers of Christ, you must graduate from head knowledge and become engaged (not passive) people of justice and compassion.**

How?

- a. Minimize the use of conservative and liberal language.
- b. Grow in humility, repenting of being a self-seeking justice lover.

Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word. **Isaiah 66:2 NIV**

- c. Speak and stand with those who have no voice.

- 3. Make it your aim to be a gospel saturated follower of Jesus.**

“The gospel unleashes, in the world, a commitment NOT to live for justice, but to live for MORE THAN justice. Justice is minimalist. A life devoted to treating people as they deserve is not a Christian life. God, in the gospel, treated us better than we deserve. We don’t get justice in the gospel, God got justice in the gospel. We get Grace.”

- John Piper

Reflect that as created in the image of God you have worth and there are image bearers all around you who have worth. Will you give worth to the people around you?

Will you reflect that God is just, that He judges and weighs your heart? He opens eyes of the blind. Will you ask God to open your eyes?