

Live Right!

Gospel-Empowered, Biblical Motivations for Choosing the Right Thing Every Time

GOSPEL: *Though we were dead in our trespasses and sins, God makes us alive who trust in Jesus Christ. Our standing before Him was dead enemy but Christ made it living, loved child. Righteousness is never a Biblical means of earning salvation but reflecting it.*

To Benefit the Lord



Unrighteousness Grieves God (Ephesians 4:30)
Righteousness Is Beautiful to Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

To Advance the Reputation of the Gospel and Gospel-People

Righteousness Promotes Christianity (1 Timothy 6:1)
Righteousness Displays the Beauty of Christianity (Titus 2:10)

Righteousness Puts Accusations to Shame (1 Peter 3:16)

To Reflect Our Faith

Righteousness Reflects Our Gratitude (Colossians 3:17)
Righteousness Reflects Our Calling (1 Peter 2:21)
Righteousness Overflows from Unhindered Genuine Faith (Galatians 5:22-24)
Righteousness Demonstrates Invisible Faith (1 Corinthians 9:27; James 2:14)
Obedience Springs from Faith - (John 14:15)



For Personal Gain

Righteousness Leads to Affirmation from God (Matthew 25:14-46)
Righteous People Obtain Lasting Rewards (Matthew 6; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15)
Righteousness Leads to Abundant Life (John 10:10; Isaiah 55)
Righteous Acts Lead to Righteous Living (Isaiah 58)
Righteousness Satisfies (Matthew 5:6)
Righteousness Leads to Peace (Hebrews 12:11)
Unrighteousness Leads to Futility, Righteousness Leads to Success (Ephesians 4:17)
Righteousness is Pleasant for Righteous People (Hebrews 13:17)
The Righteous Avoid Punishment (2 Thessalonians 1:8; Revelation 21:8)
Anticipation of Seeing Jesus (1 John 3:1-3)
Righteous Behaviors Lead to Blessing (John 13:17)
Holiness is Required to See God (Hebrews 12:14)

To Follow Others

To Follow the Example of Righteous Leaders (1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Timothy 2:2)
To Obey Instruction of Righteous Leaders (1 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 1:8; Heb. 13:17)

To Help Others

Righteousness Is Considerate of Others (1 Corinthians 8:13)
Righteousness Helps Meet The Needs of the Church (Ephesians 4:12-16)
Righteousness Leads to Salvation for Others (Matthew 5:16-18)
Righteousness Alleviates Suffering in Others (Isaiah 58)



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9 Questions For Living When You Face Tempting Choices

1. Does Scripture clearly forbid this action?
(a. your own knowledge of Scripture, b. wise counsel of others according to Scripture)
2. *Am I fully persuaded that it is right?* (Romans 14:5, 14, 23)
3. *Can I legitimately do it for Jesus, or “as unto the Lord”?* (Romans 14:6–8)
4. *Can I do it without being a stumbling block to my brother or sister in Christ?* (Rom. 14:13, 15, 20–22)
5. *Does it bring peace?* (Rom. 14:17–18)
6. *Does it help other people grow in Christ?* (Rom.14:19)
7. *Is it beneficial and good?* (1 Corinthians 6:12)
8. *Does it enslave or addict me?* (1 Cor. 6:12)
9. *Does it bring glory to God?* (1 Corinthians 10:31)¹

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