

A Look in the Mirror – 3

"Being Righteous"

Psalm 11:3 says, "If the foundations (our environment) of our lives crumble around us or are totally destroyed, **WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?**"

"Righteous" = "to make right or do right", "to be just & lawful"

I hate to break it to you but no human being can be "righteous"; you wear righteousness.

Thoughts to consider:

- Matthew 6:33 When you enter the Kingdom of God (get saved), you get righteousness.
- 2 Tim. 3:16 We are trained in the Bible on how to use the righteousness.
- Jeremiah 23:6 The Lord is our Righteousness; He lives within us; righteousness lives within us
- Romans 4:3 When Abraham believed God, righteousness was deposited into his life.

1. Would you agree that only God has righteousness? Yes No
2. Therefore, the only Person who could give righteousness to me is God. Yes No
3. You and I have absolutely no righteousness until we become believers. Yes No

Ephesians 4:24 ...and that you PUT ON the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, and has COVERED ME with the robe of righteousness.
Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having PUT ON the belt of truth, having PUT ON the breastplate of righteousness ...

4. Answer these questions from the verses above.
 - a. Eph. 4:24 What are the underlined words? _____
 - b. Is. 61:10 What are the underlined words? _____
 - c. Eph. 6:14 What are the underlined words? _____
 - d. Which is true? Righteousness is what: ___we earned ___we wear

The Righteousness of the Holy Spirit lives within us as believers. We have all of God's righteousness living in us that we are ever going to get. Question. Will we let that righteousness show itself? Our choice.

5. Write out Ephesians 5:17 _____

6. Write out Ephesians 5:18 _____

Don't let anything control your life except the Holy Spirit & His righteousness.

After we accept Christ as our Savior, we are now called "Righteous". I did not say perfect. We have the power to be "righteous".

7. What does God do for the "righteous"?

- a. Psalm 1:6 He knows the _____ of the righteous.
- b. Psalm 5:12 He will _____ the righteous.
- c. Psalm 5:12 He will _____ the righteous with a _____.
- d. Psalm 7:9 He _____ the hearts & minds of the righteous.
- e. Psalm 34:15 The _____ of the Lord are on the righteous.
- f. Psalm 34:17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord _____.
- g. Psalm 58:11 Surely there is a _____ for the righteous.
- h. Psalm 146:8 The Lord _____ the righteous.
- i. Proverbs 2:7 The Lord stores up _____ _____ for the righteous.
- j. Proverbs 10:24 The Lord grants the _____ of the righteous.
- k. Proverbs 11:8 The righteous is _____ from _____.
- l. Proverbs 15:29 The Lord _____ the _____ of the righteous.

8. According to the writer of these Psalms, what is a "righteous" person capable of?

- a. Psalm 37:21 _____
- b. Psalm 58:10 _____
- c. Psalm 64:10 _____
- d. Psalm 72:7 _____
- e. Psalm 140:13 _____

9. How does (should) a righteous person use his/her mouth? Match the columns.

- a. Proverbs 10:11 _____ Says things that are acceptable & helpful
- b. Proverbs 10:21 _____ Brings life & hope to people
- c. Proverbs 10:32 _____ Pleases those in leadership
- d. Proverbs 16:13 _____ Gives growth & encouragement to others

10. How is your mouth proving that you live for God? _____

11. Is there a difference between your speech & the conversation around you? Yes No

12. What do you find yourself talking about the most? _____

13. What kind of character does a righteous person have? Match the columns.

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| a. Proverbs 12:5 | ___ Gives to people in need |
| b. Proverbs 12:26 | ___ Studies to find the answers |
| c. Proverbs 10:28 | ___ Holds on with hope in the Lord |
| d. Proverbs 13:5 | ___ Can be bold & courageous when necessary |
| e. Proverbs 15:15 | ___ Helps the poor |
| f. Proverbs 15:28 | ___ Chooses friends very carefully |
| g. Proverbs 21:26 | ___ Hates lying |
| h. Proverbs 28:1 | ___ Uses authority very wisely |
| i. Proverbs 29:2 | ___ Works very hard to have right thoughts |
| j. Proverbs 29:7 | ___ Prefers God's right way to do things. |

You say - "Give me a break. I don't do most of these things very well." Of course, you don't.

14. Let's pray for God's help. Check the ones that you really want to work on.

- ___ Lord, I really need your help choosing the people to hang around.
- ___ Lord, put within me a desire to choose the right things in life.
- ___ Lord, make me alert to the people around me who need some help.
- ___ Lord, help me to know who trust, and give me the courage.
- ___ Lord, I am not outgoing. Give me the boldness to stand up for truth.
- ___ Lord, I am not a preacher. But, help me to tell my story.

15. What kind of a future can the righteous have? Match the columns.

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| a. Proverbs 10:30 | ___ YOUR LIFE PRODUCE FRUIT (RESULTS). |
| b. Proverbs 11:10 | ___ YOU CAN HAVE SUCCESS OF ALL KINDS. |
| c. Proverbs 11:30 | ___ WHEN OTHERS ARE FALLING, YOU WILL STAND. |
| d. Proverbs 12:7 | ___ YOUR FUTURE CAN BE HERE OR ANYWHERE. |
| e. Proverbs 28:28 | ___ PEOPLE MAY FOLLOW YOUR LEAD TO GOOD THINGS. |

God put the robe of righteousness on you at your salvation.

- *Wear it when you speak to others.*
- *Wear it when sensual & immoral thoughts attack you.*
- *Wear it when someone needs you.*
- *Wear it when you have choices to make.*

IN OTHER WORDS, LET THAT ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TELL THE WORLD WHO YOU ARE.