

WHY SHOULD I STAND AGAINST INJUSTICE?

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(Micah 6:8)

God hates injustice because it highlights hate and darkens love. Injustice is everywhere. Injustice takes place in schools, governments, work settings and churches all over the world.

When **CONTENTION** and **SEPARATION** dominates an environment it is proof that injustice is present. In order to be a righteous person you must be willing to stand for justice. Justice is the breeding ground for love to flourish and for opportunity to be available.

**JUSTICE IS TREATING PEOPLE FAIRLY. INJUSTICE
IS TREATING PEOPLE UNFAIRLY.**

THIS IS WHAT GOD WANTS!

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God's hope for humanity is for us to do what is fair and to treat people right. As you walk in alignment to His desire you will reflect His character. Standing for justice is **NOT** a time for people to showcase their talents.

It is a time for the **UNDERDOG TO BE SEEN**, for the **POOR TO BE HEARD**, for the **OUTCAST TO BE HIGHLIGHTED** and for the **HELPLESS TO BE HELPED**. Standing for Justice is one of the most **SELFLESS** acts that a person can do.

WISDOM NOTE:

When you take care of the helpless God will make sure you will be helped.

(When Moses helped the helpless Israelites God made sure Moses was helped when he felt overwhelmed with his responsibility to lead the Israelites. In Numbers 11:16 God

gave some of the Spirit that Moses had to seventy of Israel's older leaders to **HELP** him take care of the people.)

God honors people who are selfless because they understand how to love people unconditionally.

SELFLESS people do not focus on receiving personal gain. **SELFLESS** people focus on what is right for others instead of what is beneficial for themselves.

SELFLESS people focus on the overall purpose instead of their personal agenda. You should stand against injustice because this is what God wants. **WHEN YOU DO WHAT HE WANTS HE WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED.**

HYPOCRITICAL JUSTICE

If you only stand for justice in the spotlight you are a hypocrite. Standing against injustice is not only a civil or public matter but it is a private matter also. If you treat people wrong in private yet, treat them right in public you are a hypocrite.

Many people stand for justice with the wrong motive in mind. Their motive is usually to be seen, honored and admired. They have no desire to make a difference. People who choose to be **SILENT** in private yet loud in public are hypocrites.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

- If you see people being mistreated at your church and you decide not to say anything, yet voice your opinion about a public injustice, you are a hypocrite.

If you are willing to stand against injustice in public but **UNWILLING** to address injustice in private God will **NOT** be pleased.

HERE ARE FOUR BURDENS YOU WILL CARRY WHILE FIGHTING AGAINST INJUSTICE:

CRITICISM - If you stand against injustice you will be highly criticized. When people cannot understand what

you are doing they will attempt to discourage what you are doing.

The purpose of criticism is to cause you to doubt your own efforts. Even though your stance may not be accepted by the masses it will be respected by many. Jesus was criticized because He stood against injustice.

LONELINESS - When you stand against injustice, you are choosing to stand against what is popular and trendy. Being a light in a dark place will cause you to be effective yet lonely.

Jesus had to endure moments of loneliness because He was determined to rise **AGAINST** the waves of injustice. Anytime you are willing to go against what is popular, you risk being lonely.

PERSECUTION - Standing against injustice will cause you to have many enemies. Everything righteous is hated by everything evil.

When you stand for righteousness you will attract every force of evil to come against you. Jesus had to be burdened with the weight of persecution because He stood for righteousness.

MISUNDERSTOOD - It takes a long time for people to comprehend what is not readily acceptable. People will always misinterpret your motives, words and actions when you do something different from what is known to be common.

Anytime you try to pave a road through a jungle people will confuse your efforts. Jesus was misunderstood because He defended righteousness.

HERE ARE FOUR REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD STAND FOR JUSTICE:

- 1) God will **HONOR** you.
- 2) This is what God wants.

- 3) It is the proof of unconditional love.
- 4) It is a Holy offering unto God.

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