

Old Testament Sermon Outline

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8, NIV)

Further verses on goodness, justice, mercy, and humility:

What is Good:

- Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Psalm 23:6**
- For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge. **2 Peter 1:5**

Acting Justly:

- Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. **Psalm 106:3**
- The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. **Psalm 33:5**

Loving Mercy:

- Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from old. **Psalm 25:6**
- But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy. **Ephesians 2:4**

Walking Humbly:

- You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **Galatians 5:13**
- Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. **Philippians 2:3**

Thoughts relating this to domestic violence:

- Toxic attitudes/behaviors, and domestic violence have no place in the kingdom of God.
- God calls on us to create justice for the oppressed.
- May victims feel betrayed by both their abusers and the church. When the church minimizes or dismisses the abuse, or does not treat them with empathy and kindness, they feel hurt and dismayed. But God has called us to treat them with mercy.
- The church must serve victims of abuse with love and humility and put their safety first.

Related quotes:

- The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people. **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- The biblical call to care for our neighbors—particularly the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized—is undeniable. **Stephen Reeves** in *The Mission of Advocacy*, pg. 20.

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