

What Do You Justify In Your Life?

Operating righteously is a strategy that sons are to implement. That's not a legal command from the King, it's an injunction¹. He knows that living as righteously as we can is best for us, and he's instructed us before² on that matter.

"Be righteous" is not a call to work out our 'salvation' by being holy. We've already been made holy (sanctified), so there's no need for us to follow Old Covenant methods to make ourselves holy because of the sin and failures in our lives. Instead, it's an instruction to choose to think, do and say things righteously. There's a great deal of difference between those two concepts, and we must not get them confused.

He knows that living as righteously as we can will assist us in staving off the works of the enemy because we don't open doors that give him permission to operate in our lives and the lives of our families. That door-opening is an unexpected consequence for our actions that most of us are totally ignorant of. To show the importance of our decisions, Adam's choice to disobey God's instruction in the Garden allowed the enemy to supersede him as the king of the Earth, something he wasn't warned about (according to Genesis account).

Being righteous also helps us in the choices we make, the ones that we independently make through our autonomy.³ Here's his teaching on that:

*"I will bring light to the shadowy areas of your life, those places that you justify as not being so terrible because what you are doing in the shadows is not as bad as what other people you know are doing. **The light will reveal those areas for what they are so that you can make better choices**", says the Lord. 'Be righteous!'"⁴*

It's what we justify that stops the Spirit from showing us that they can be eliminated, if and when they are wrong. That's an area of our lives that we need to do some hard thinking about.

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- 1 – (i) A court order requiring a party to refrain from doing a particular act or to do a particular act. www.wordnik.com/words/injunction
(ii) The act of enjoining or directing; admonition as to action or duty; requirement.
2 – “Be Righteous” (29-1-2023) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Be-Righteous.pdf
3 – “Should We Make Our Own Decisions?” (2-4-2023)
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Should-We-Make-Our-Own-Decisions.pdf
4 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” June 18, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2023.htm]