Contemporary Application Suggestions From *Endurance Ministries*

In general: Follow in the footsteps of our glorious Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:28-30; Hebrews 12:1-17)

While we affirm <u>all</u> the biblical Counsel in these areas of life in Christ, here are our recommended "to do's" which are especially helpful today. We'll use Micah 6:8 as an outline for our answer: He has shown us, each and every one, what is good and what the Lord requires of us: To, 1) do justly; 2) love mercy; & 3) walk humbly with Yahweh/Yahvah God.

- 1. On doing justly or rightly ...
 - ~ Think on His eternally significant things (as opposed to the temporal earthly things) (Psalm 119; Phil. 4:8,9)
 - ~ Be a part of the final phase of the great commission by sharing Christ with others (Mt. 28:18-20; Mt. 24:14)
 - ~ Commit to making proper preparations as outlined in God's holy Word (e.g., Mt. 24:45-47; Revelation 6:5,6)
 - ~ Separate from the worldly darkness so abundant today (II Timothy 3:1-5; Revelation 14:6-13)
 - ~ Contribute to your enduring by living out biblical faith (Hebrews 10:35 11:40)

Examples: Jesus Christ; Noah (Gen. 6:8,9); Zacharias and Elizabeth (Luke 1:6); Simeon (Luke 2:25) Examples to the contrary: satan; Cain (Gen. 4); Alexander (II Tim. 4:14)

- 2. On loving mercy ...
 - ~ Ponder Lamentations 3:22,23; Mt. 5:7; 6:12-15 and Luke 6:36
 - ~ Meditate on expressions of mercy (Proverbs 3; John 8:1-12)
 - ~ In light of the mercy of our Lord Jesus, have compassion (Jude 20-25)
 - ~ Read the Psalms for awesome instruction in light of God's example toward His people
 - ~ Love your enemies by prayer and kind acts and, through it all, remember Mt. 5:10-16 (Mt. 5:43-48)

Examples: Jesus Christ; King David (I Sam. 25:1-35); Hosea (Hosea 3); Paul (Acts 17:16-34) Examples to the contrary: the devil; the hypocritical servant (Mt. 18:21-35); the religious leaders (John 19:1-7)

- 3. On walking humbly with יהוה God ...
 - ~ Honor His Counsel as outlined in His letters to the churches (Revelation 2, 3)
 - ~ Discern the intensity of our spiritual state and act accordingly (Ephesians 6:10-20)
 - Try to better see things from God's perspective (Luke 9:23-26; 14:25-33)
 (A passage including the following two words of Counsel seen together is Ecc. 12:13,14)
 - ~ Do a biblical study on those who "fear" God ... It's amazing how this applies to end times our day!
 - ~ Acknowledge He is God and we are not by being sheep willing to follow the His commands (John 10, 15, 16)

Examples: Jesus Christ; Moses (Num. 12:3); Mary (Luke 1:38); John the Baptist (John 1:27; 3:22-36) Examples to the contrary: lucifer; Haman (Esther); Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:30); Herod (Acts 12:20-23)

We have also included many application appeals tied to biblical end-time themes throughout our web sites (e.g., deception, persecution and other concerns tied to enduring in Christ – as opposed to falling away from the faith) and would strongly encourage you to give these sites a look-over ... unto your protection, since we are in eschatological harm's way today, and ultimately unto our awesome God's glory and praise. Please visit <u>www.currentmatters.org</u>.

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