

RIGHTEOUSNESS OR AN OUTWARD SHOW

(Proverbs 21:3)

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

God's first choice for our lives, is that we make daily decisions consistent with our position in Christ, honoring Him with righteous and just mindset instead of outward actions of religious observance.

A. Let's OBSERVE the SPECIFIC CONTEXT of this passage.

- To do

1. If our heart is focused on what God desires then _____ the right choice becomes the normal in our lives.

- Righteousness, Justice

2. God's _____ for us isn't ritualistic religious observances performed in the flesh, but true _____ involves a mindset of daily transformation.

- Is more acceptable

- Sacrifice

B. Let's DRAW some APPLICATIONS for us from this passage.

1. We cannot do or _____ righteousness and justice in our flesh. 2 Cor 3:5

2. The _____ to make the right decisions comes from abiding in Him and yielding to the _____ direction in our lives. Rom. 12:1-2

3. We can _____ ourselves with a conceit that outward _____ will excuse unrighteous decisions. Gal. 6:7-8

4. God desires that we become _____ for the purpose of serving Him and others. 2 Tim. 3:16-17