

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58

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“Being On The Winning T-E-A-M”

In *Matthew 25:31-40*, Jesus considers an individual to be just & upright when they:

- 1) Give food to the hungry
- 2) Give drink to the thirsty
- 3) Welcome, entertain, & lodge strangers
- 4) Visit & administer care to the sick
- 5) Give clothing to the naked
- 6) Visit those who are in prison.

I am convinced that if Jesus were to physically walk into the building today; we would jump up, jump to, jump over, & jump at the opportunity to do the same for the Savior. I know this to be true because I have seen with my own eyes what we will do for others. Nevertheless, it is good to be reminded of the following:

1. We do not determine the standard for righteousness, God does. God was kind enough to outline specifically a few things in *Matthew 25:31-40* as to what we can do to serve Christ, put a smile on God's face, brighten the day of some troubled soul, & help our cause in the process.
2. Jesus' words were not an admonition to elders, deacons, preachers, & their wives only. These are things we all can do, must do, & will do, IF we want to hear those words, *“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”*

Clearly, we cannot do everything by ourselves, but we can do something. The problem is many are not doing anything at all. I challenge every reader of this article to decide today whether they are going to be a part of the solution or a part of the problem. Jesus Himself equates doing good to others to being good to Him. Be a sheep lead by the good Shepherd today. The goats will never lose to the sheep. Therefore, get on the winning team, give God your best, & serve God to the best of your ability, for

Together Everyone Achieves More!!!

- *Antoine N. Holloway*