

DO WHAT IS RIGHT!

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read the text: *Judges 17:6*.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Question: how much does heaven mean to us?
 - 1) How much are we willing to invest or commit to get there?
 - 2) How can we know what is the right thing to do?
2. Our text: *Judges 17:6* "... right in his own eyes."

I. ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING.

A. Christians should always do the right thing, even when no one is watching or will ever know.

1. While we are aware that God is watching, we do what is right because we love God and seek to please Him.
2. When faced with temptation, a trained conscience tells us what is right.
3. Don't let the temptation linger in your thinking (*Romans 6:13; Luke 4:8*).

B. Doing the right thing is not limited to resisting temptation.

1. Use opportunities to do good (*Gal. 6:10; James 4:17*).
2. Doing the right thing when pressured by others (*Exodus 23:2; Job 31:34*).
3. Doing the right thing even if no one will ever know. God knows (*Psalms 39:2*).

C. Doing the right thing is easier in the long run.

II. WHAT IS TO BE OUR STANDARD FOR DOING RIGHT THING?

A. Many make decisions based on worldly wisdom (*Pro. 14:12; 1 Cor. 3:19*).

B. God's word can be our only standard for godly living.

1. His word guides (*Psalms 119:133; Pro. 3:5-6*).
2. Jesus as God the Son is the standard of truth (*John 8:31-32, John 14:6*).
3. The Holy Spirit as Deity is the standard of truth (*Gal. 5:16*).

C. The right thing is what God says it is.

1. Some feel their ways and thoughts are best (*2 Kings 5:11; Pro. 3:7; 1 Cor. 3:19*).
2. The apostle Paul felt he was doing the right thing (*Acts 26:9*).

D. Note these things that are right. These are but a few!

1. Taking responsibility for self is the right thing (*1 Cor. 9:27*).
2. Being a good example is the right thing (*1 Thess. 1:7; 1 Tim. 4:12*).
3. Putting God and His word first is the right thing to do (*Eccl. 12:13; Matt. 6:33*).
4. Setting our affection on Heaven is the right thing to do (*Col. 3:1-2; Phil. 3:20*).
5. Do the right thing even if no one is watching (*Matt. 6:2-6, 16-18*).
6. Loving your enemies is the right thing to do (*Matt. 5:43-45*).

III. DO THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE IT WILL DEFINE YOU.

A. Your life can be changed forever in an instant by a bad decision.

1. *Gen. 3:5-7; Luke 22:59-62*.
2. Without exception it is always right to do the right thing.

B. Someone said, "I may not be remembered long, but however long it may be, I want to be remembered as one that did right."

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. How much do you want to go to Heaven?

B. How far are you willing to go in order to get there?