

# **“The Value Of Righteousness”**

Lesson Text: **1 John 3:12**. Like Cain, Many Today Don't See Its Value!

## **I. What Is Righteousness?**

1. *dikaiosune* (δικαιοσύνη, 1343) is “the character or quality of being right or just”; it was formerly spelled “rightwiseness,” Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 535).

– Jesus Frequently Used This Word In His Teaching:

- **Matthew 5:6; 10; 20.**

- **Matthew 6:1** “*Acts Of Righteousness.*” (RV, NASB, ESV)

- It Is Something We Practice **1 John 2:29.**

- It Is A Path Or Way Of Walking: **Psalm 23:3; Proverbs 2:20; 8:20; 11:5; 15:9.**

- God’s Word Teaches Us It: **Psalm 119:172; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 5:13.**

- We Become Righteous By Obedience- **Romans 6:16-18.**

– Many Will Choose Not To Walk In It: **Matthew 21:32; 2 Peter 2:21.**

## **II. Why We Need To Value Righteousness.**

– It Is How Many Received Approval And A Good Report From God (**Hebrews 11:2**).

- **Hebrews 11:4.** Abel’s Righteousness Still Speaks.

- **Hebrews 11:7.** Noah Became The Heir Of Righteousness.

- **James 2:23.** Abraham Becomes God’s Friend By Righteousness.

- Righteousness Could Have Saved Sodom. **Genesis 18:23-32.**

– It Is What Delivers Us. **Ezekiel 14:20; Proverbs 11:8.**

– It Is Why God Hears Our Prayers. **1 Peter 3:12.**

– It Will Exalt Us. **Proverbs 14:34.** (Our Nation Needs It!).

– It Makes Us Acceptable To God. **Acts 10:33-34.**

– How We Have God’s Love. **Proverbs 15:9.**

– It Is Why We Will Have Eternal Life. **Matthew 25:46.**

## **I. How Do We Place Value On Righteousness?**

– We Pursue And Maintain It. **Proverbs 21:21; Revelation 22:11.**

– We Guard It. **Proverbs 12:26.**

– We Make It A Priority. **Matthew 6:33.**

– We Make It Our Life! **Psalm 118:19-20.**