

# Commitments of the Kingdom People

Luke 18:1-27

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## **Exodus 22:22–23 (NASB95)**

22<sup>''</sup>You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.

23<sup>''</sup>If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry

## **Deuteronomy 10:18 (NASB95)**

“He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

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  - B. Committed to be Humble (9-14)

## **1 Samuel 16:7 (NASB95)**

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

## **Deuteronomy 6:5 (NASB95)**

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”



## **Isaiah 29:13 (NASB95)**

Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote.

## **Micah 6:8 (NASB95)**

“He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?”

## **Philippians 2:5–8 (NASB95)**

<sup>5</sup>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup>Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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“A farmer plows his field, sows the seed, and fertilizes and cultivates—all the while knowing that in the final analysis he is utterly dependent on forces outside of himself. He knows he cannot cause the seed to germinate, nor can he produce the rain and sunshine for growing and harvesting the crop. For a successful harvest, he is dependent on these things from God.”

Jerry Bridges, *'The Pursuit of Holiness.'*

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  - B. Committed to Prioritize God above all else (18-27)

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# Responding to the Text

1. We should be found persisting in prayer and not giving up. God shares our longing for justice and he will not deny it.
2. In the kingdom of God human values and expectations are reversed. God prefers a repentant sinner to a self-righteous “good” person.
3. Our faith should be childlike, in that we are to display complete dependence on our heavenly father, both in coming to him for salvation and in our becoming like him in our sanctification.
4. God is not impressed by our ‘works’ but is focused on our heart. He demands all that we have.
5. Prioritizing ‘possessions’ over God, misplaces the very object of our worship. Wealth can become the enemy of salvation.

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