
I want to KNOW YOU: the Attributes of God

RIGHTEOUS

LESSON 24 questions are based on the *New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition*.

1. What truth, verse, or insight was helpful to you as you got to know Him better as your **Patient** God?
 2. Pray and ask God to teach you more about His **Righteousness** as you get ready to study what Jesus taught His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount in **Matthew 5:17- 48**. Use a dictionary to define **righteous**.
 3. From **V17**, it is clear that some of the Jews had ideas about Jesus that were simply not true. What did some people think Jesus was planning to do? And what did Jesus declare was His true purpose?
 4. In your own words, what did Jesus say about the Law and those who teach it in **V18-19**?
 5. People saw the Pharisees as the religious superstars of Jesus' day. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus declared the entry standards for heaven in **V20**?
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6. What phrases are repeated in **V21-22, V27-28, V31-32, V33-34, V38-39, V43-44**? What point do you think Jesus was making by using these repeated phrases?
 7. The Ten Commandments (The Law) were the highest standard of **righteousness** that the Jews tried to live by. What did Jesus reveal about God's even higher standards when He defined the sin of:
 - Murder (**V21-22**)
 - Adultery (**V27-28**)

8. In **V23-26**, Jesus encouraged His disciples to have a sense of urgency in healing their personal relationships and settling disputes.
- a) How do you see His instruction in these verses as yet another level of **righteousness**?
- b) What have you done (or will you do) to repair a damaged relationship or settle a conflict?
9. What shocks you about the lengths Jesus suggested people should go to avoid stumbling into sin in pursuit of **righteousness** in **V29-30**?
10. Jesus challenged the commonly accepted divorce laws of their day where a man could “divorce his wife for any and every reason.” (see **Matthew 19:3**) How would **V31-32** be a higher and more difficult standard of **righteousness**?
11. In **V33-37**, as you read about how Jesus raised the bar in regards to oaths, how does **V37** convict you?
12. How do Jesus’ instructions seem to violate our sense of fairness in:
- **V38-39**
 - **V40**
 - **V41-42**
13. a) Jesus gradually built a case throughout this Sermon on the Mount of God’s perfect standards of **righteousness**. Identify how He challenged His listeners to an extreme level of **right** living and/or the reasons He gave for it in:
- **V43-44**
 - **V45**
 - **V46-47**
 - **V48**

b) What could have been going through the disciples minds as they heard Jesus' words in **V48**?
What goes through yours?

c) Why would Jesus conclude this segment of His teaching with these words (read **Ecclesiastes 7:20**)?

14. Jesus helped us know ourselves better in all our **unrighteousness**.

a) How do these verses invite us to know Him as The **Righteous One**?

2 Corinthians 5:21

1 Peter 2:24

1 Peter 3:18a

1 John 2:1

b) How has this Lesson helped you reconcile the idea of trying to attain "perfect **righteousness**" and knowing that you can't?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How can **righteous** people be a blessing to others?

- **Proverbs 10:21a**

- **James 5:16b**

2. As we seek to live **righteously** for the Lord,

a) What warning did Jesus give in **Matthew 6:1**?

b) Where can we get further training in **righteousness** according to **2 Timothy 3:16**? How have you experienced this in your own life?

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verses: **2 Corinthians 5:21**

b) Form a prayer to Jesus, The **Righteous One**.

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PRAYER REQUEST