



How Righteous are You?

According to the Bible's teaching, only a righteous person is acceptable before God. For example read Proverbs 10:16 'The wages of the righteous bring them life, but the income of the wicked brings them punishment.'

Try answering the following to find out how righteous you are;

1) You decide to appease God by trying to do a good work, do you-

- a) Decide there is no God to appease.
- b) Try to do religious ceremonies.
- c) Give up this way.
- d) Try to be a moral person.

2) Someone does you grievous wrong, do you-

- a) Do the same back to them.
- b) Seek reconciliation with them
- c) Murder them.
- d) Hate them.

3) You see something you love owned by someone else, but you yourself do not need it and cannot afford it, do you-

- a) Go and buy the same or similar straight away.
- b) Steal it.
- c) Save up until you can afford it.
- d) Decide you don't need it and try not to covet such things.

4) You have pledged to be faithful to another person, do you-

- a) Stay loyal and faithful always because it is your solemn duty.
- b) Remain faithful until it doesn't suit you to be.
- c) Betray that person at the drop of a hat.
- d) Pretend to be faithful and lie when you are unfaithful.

5) You think about how righteous you are and conclude-

- a) You are very righteous yourself.
- b) You are somewhat righteous, and certainly not as bad as some others.
- c) If you were perfect for the rest of your life then you would be righteous.
- d) You are not righteous yourself.

Conclusion:-

If you didn't answer c) on question 1) and d) on question 5) then I'm sorry to say that, friend, you are not one of the righteousness. Read on;

Job 25:4 **"How then can a man be righteous before God?"**

Some are Righteous:

Psalm 1:6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

God is righteous:

Psalm 7:11 God is a righteous Judge, a God who exercises his wrath every day.

Who are the wicked and unrighteous?

Ecc 7:20 There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.

Romans 3:10- There is no-one righteous not even one; there is no-one who understands no-one who seeks God all have turned away, they have together become worthless.

1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God?

Romans 11:20 But they were broken off because of unbelief

Hebrews 3:19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

How then do people become righteous?

Psalm 37:39 The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord.

Isaiah 46:13 I am bringing my righteousness near... I will grant salvation to Zion.

How will God make people righteous?

Isaiah 53:11 My Righteous servant will Justify many and he will bear their iniquities.

Jeremiah 33:15-16 In those days at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;...In those days Judah will be saved.... this is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

How will the Lord be our righteousness? How do we get it?

Romans 3:22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Romans 4:2 Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Can a person be righteous some other way?

Isaiah 45:24 In the Lord alone are Righteousness and strength.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Extract from an old Hymn by Edward Mote 1797-1874

**"Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before His throne."**