

Leviticus 19:11-14
Honesty is the Only Policy

1. Holiness and the Peace of God 2, 5

A. Godly Action 2

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.””

1 Peter 1:13-16 ESV

B. Godly Peace 5

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” -Romans 5:1 ESV

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,” -Colossians 1:19-22 ESV

2. Coming By It Honestly 11, 12

A. You Shall not steal

““You shall not steal.” -Exodus 20:15 ESV

B. You Shall not Deal falsely

““You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them: I am the Lord.”” -Leviticus 19:35-37 ESV

“But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”” -Acts 5:3-4 ESV

C. Swearing Falsely

““Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.” -Matthew 5:33-37 ESV

“But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.” -James 5:12 ESV

3. Neighbors, Labor Law, and Those with Special Needs 13, 14

A. The Neighbor

“““Cursed be anyone who moves his neighbor’s landmark.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’” -Deuteronomy 27:17 ESV

“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”” Luke 10:25-29 ESV

B. The Worker

““You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns. You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), lest he cry against you to the Lord, and you be guilty of sin.” -Deuteronomy 24:14-15 ESV

“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. **Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields,**

which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.”

James 5:1-6 ESV

C. Those with Special Needs 14

““Cursed be anyone who misleads a blind man on the road.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’” -Deuteronomy 27:18 ESV

“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.” -John 9:1-3 ESV

Reflection: Have you seen someone mistreated recently? What brought you to the judgment they were mistreated? How does today’s Word strengthen your desire to live out God’s integrity in the world?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Colossians 1:19-22. How does this passage describe the work of Jesus on the cross for us? What does it provide and how does that show up in your life?

Tuesday: Leviticus 19:35-37. What elements of this passage show up in your everyday life? How does this integrity get taken for granted by many who would not necessarily say they believe in the Bible or Jesus Christ?

Wednesday: Acts 5:3-4. As you read the wider context of this passage, in what way did Ananias and Sapphira violate God’s Word? How would you describe the care in which we need to take on honesty and honest dealing as followers of Jesus?

Thursday: Matthew 5:33-37. Describe how Jesus speaks of telling the truth. How do you put this into practice as you communicate to all of those around you?

Friday: Luke 10:25-37. Why was the Samaritan the best example of a “neighbor” in the parable? How does this help you to define the word “neighbor” and how you act towards the people around you?

Saturday: James 5:1-6. What was James’ complaint? How could this problem be fixed? How does this apply to business today when it comes to followers of Jesus?