

Is Life Fair?

God HATES unfairness

Prov 11:1 - The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight

Prov 20:23 The Lord detests differing weights, and dishonest scales do not please him.

God is the source of fairness - Prov 16:11 Honest scales and balances are from the Lord; all the weights in the bag are of his making.

All Fairness is based on reference point. Both God's and man's reference point should be God!

In a nutshell fairness is based on God NOT on Man - Rom 9:14-16 - 14 What then shall we say? **Is God unjust? Not at all!** 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but **ON GOD'S MERCY**.

God knew exactly what He was doing when He created us, and where He was placing us –

Concerning location and time - Acts 17:26-27- 26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. 27 God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

Concerning circumstance - 1 Cor 7:20-24 - 20 Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. 21 Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you — although if you can gain your freedom, do so. 22 For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to.

God let us know ahead of time our "life fairness" is not based on who we are - Eccl 9:11 I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but **time and chance happen to them all**.

God's purpose for all, is for us to live glorifying HIM and we all have exactly what we need to achieve that

Man's main purpose is to serve God - Eccl 12:13-14 - 13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for **this is the WHOLE [DUTY] OF MAN**. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

It's not what you have, it's what you do with what you have - 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, **DO IT ALL** for the glory of God.

God's fairness with us with life is contentment

Stop looking at others and just follow Christ - John 22:22 -**Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, WHAT IS THAT TO YOU? YOU MUST FOLLOW ME."**

Live the life given, while focusing on Christ - Heb 12:1-3 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Two characteristics define what everyone's life goal should be - 1 Tim 6:6-7 - 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

God's fairness between men must strive for and support equality

Discrimination of any form is sin - James 2:8-9-8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9 But **if you show favoritism, you sin** and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

When we have much, we are expected to help others that don't - 2 Cor 8:13-14 - 13 I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness 14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, SO THAT their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ESV

We must give to those who work for us with what is right and fair - Col 4:1 - Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. * (remember the warning to the rich - James 5:1-6)

When you have more, more is expected of you - Luke 12:47-48 - 47 "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. 48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From **EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN MUCH, MUCH WILL BE DEMANDED**; and from the **ONE WHO HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH MUCH, MUCH MORE WILL BE ASKED**.

Those that HAVE are responsible for those that Don't - Prov 31:8-9 - 8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 **SPEAK UP AND JUDGE FAIRLY**; defend the rights of the poor and needy."