

## What is the right thing to do?

Everyone knows God's righteous decree... the requirements of the Law are written on their hearts. Romans 1:32, 2:15

### 1. . . . . **does the right thing. Mark 12:1**

His divine power has given us . . . . . 2 Peter 1:3-4

God has blessed us with . . . . . spiritual blessing. Ephesians 1:3-14

### 2. . . . . **is not the same as doing. Mark 12:1-2**

I . . . . . do what pleases the Father. John 8:29

Just as you have always . . . . . continue... Philippians 2:12

Always . . . . . to do what is good for each other... 1 Thess.5:15

### 3. . . . . **links with action. Mark 12:3-5**

Behold I stand at the door and knock. Revelation 3:20

The sacrifices... are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart... Ps.51:17

### 4. . . . . **the right thing. Mark 12:6-8**

The god of this age has . . . . . the minds... 2 Corinthians 4:4

they knew God but they neither . . . . . nor thanked Him. Rom.1:21

### 5. **God does the . . . . . right thing. Mark 12:9-11**

. . . . . is the one appointed Judge of the living and dead. Acts 10:42

God judges... as my . . . . . declares. Romans 2:16

He will judge with justice... proof is . . . . . from death. Acts 17:31

The Lord wants everyone to come to . . . . . 2 Peter 3:9

### 5. **What is the right thing to do with . . . . . Mark 12:9-11**

Thermometer

Thermostat

My SHAPE:

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## My Prayer Points for this week

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### For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. When was a time when you had to choose between doing the right thing or the easy thing? Why is the right thing often the hard thing? Mark Twain said, 'Do the right thing. It will gratify some people, and astonish the rest.' Do you think he is right?
2. Does everyone know the right thing to do (Romans 1:32, Romans 2:15)? Why doesn't everyone do the right thing (2 Corinthians 4:4, Romans 1:21)? List reasons why it is easy to not do the right thing.
3. [For a small laugh, you might watch What have the Romans ever done for us? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExWfh6sGyso> What is the irony in this sketch?] What has God ever done for you? What are some appropriate responses to what God has done? What has God not done for you? Why do you think He didn't do those things?
4. The vineyard owner expected a return on his investment (Mark 12:2). What could God legitimately expect from us? What gives God any right to judge us (Romans 2:16, Acts 17:31)?
5. [For a history lesson, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTr-PzfseeY> ] How could a rejected stone become the cornerstone? What is the connection to us (1 Peter 2:4-7)?
6. If someone asked you, 'What is the right thing to do?' what might you answer them?