

## The Temptation to Judge

### **Micah 6:8**

**“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”**

This scripture really sets out clearly the path and attitude we are to adopt, particularly when we are tempted to look at others with a critical eye.

We may be quick to apply the “do justly” part and deal out “justice” to others that we think fall short of what they should be or how they should act. But before we judge others lest us first apply the “love mercy” part and release the Christ in us, the merciful one, to believe the best of the person. Look past the problem to the solution. We need to always adopt the “walk humbly with your God” part, as it is He who showed us mercy and grace when we were lost in sin and shame. If we walk “in Christ”, see through His eyes, act as He acts, submitting ourselves to Him as vessels through which he can speak and act, then we will comply with the “walk humbly with your God” part, we will dispense “mercy” and thereby have “done justly” with respect to the offender or other person. This will constitute in God’s eyes as having done “what is good”.

It is living Christ before others, releasing His love and mercy in an attitude of humility that will convict them of their wrong doing, not judging them. Judging will breed strife, but love never fails.