

VIRTUES – Episode 6: Justice – Giving What is Due



Team Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Game Strategy – We all seek justice, but do we only want justice that serves us?

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

Pregame Film Study

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

Huddle Up – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

Warm-up Questions:

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

Workout Questions:

1. Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Do you give a person the benefit of the doubt? Or are you quick to judge that person? Explain. Do you serve others? Or, are you a person who thinks “every man for himself?” What is your philosophy?
2. The first act of justice is loving God and the second act of justice is loving our neighbor. If you are not doing one of them, you’re not doing justice. What are some ways that you are showing God your love? Give some examples of your love for your neighbor? Consider 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
3. Read the parable of the “Prodigal Son” (Luke 15:11-32) which is totally about justice and forgiveness. Give a brief description of what you got out of this reading. Can you relate to some of the things that occurred in this parable – in your own personal life?
4. “Do right even when it seems right to do wrong.” Can you give an example(s) in your life when you were tempted to do wrong? What caused you to succumb to temptation? What prevented you from doing wrong? Did you try to justify your actions? How?
5. It is said that a just man sins seven times a day. You can’t become perfect overnight. List some ways, that with God’s help, you can become a more just and truthful person.

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Team Workout Plan - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

Postgame Recap - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. The road to justice begins in mercy. Trust in God’s mercy.
2. Progress toward perfection. Focus on incremental progress.
3. Do right even when it seems right to do wrong.

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

Scripture References

Mark 12:13-17
Luke 10:25-37

Luke 15:11-32
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Coaching Tips

Justice – the habit and skill of giving to others what is due to them and giving to God what is due to Him.

- Justice and mercy meet at the cross.
- Justice is what makes things right in the world.

The first act of justice is to love God and the second act of justice is to love your neighbor. If you are not doing either of these, you are not doing justice.

How do you do justice to God? Through Adoration, Worship, Praise, Thanksgiving and loving Service and Witness to others less fortunate than yourself.

Catechism Connection

1807 *Justice* is moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the “virtue of religion.” Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor. “You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in the righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.” “Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing you also have a Master in heaven.”

1928 Society ensures social justice when it provides the conditions that allow associations or individuals what is their due, according to their nature and their vocation. Social justice is linked to the common good and the exercise of authority.

2446 St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: “Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.” “The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity.”

Personal Action Item

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

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