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How Do You Know Your Righteous

Hebrews 11:6 But **without faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The first thing you should understand, is that God does not get mad at us anymore. At the cross he poured ALL his wrath out upon our Lord and savior, Jesus.

Romans 4:15, Romans 5:9, Romans 9:22.

God will allow his wrath to be poured out in the LAST Seven years, after the church is raptured or taken out of this world. THEN Satan will have rule for seven years to do whatever he wants.

[Joel 2:11](#), [Joel 2:31](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:16](#), [Revelation 3:10](#)

The righteous suffer many things because of unbelief: Lets take tithing for an example; in the old testament, under the law, God promised a curse and punishment for not tithing, but if you read the whole bible you will see that he still blesses if you do what he teaches

Haggai 1:6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled **with** drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and **he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.**

In other words, there are multitudes of Christians that fall into this category, they NEVER have just quite enough, there ALWAYS just a little short at the end of the month. WHY? They do not BELIEVE in tithing, God does not hold it against you, but he can't bless you because you don't believe.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so **let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity:** for God loveth a cheerful **giver.**

I can tell you from personal experience, when I started tithing, I was like the one that had holes in his purse or bag. At the end of the month, I seemed to always be a little short, and when I sold out to the Lord, I determined to put him FIRST. There were a few times at first that I just didn't have enough, BUT I paid my 10% first and made something else wait. It wasn't long before I paid my 10% and all the other bills, and still had a little left over. I really fell in love with the Lord and wanted to serve him with my whole being, and one of the first things I did, was increase my giving, because I love him and have a deep compassion for those in need. It seems that no matter how much I increase my giving, there is always some left over.

Another reason for coming up short, is self righteousness, you know, **I can do it, I can do almost anything. It took me awhile to realize I can't do anything without the Lord.**

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as **filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

I used to tithe to the church I attended, BUT the Lord, who speaks in a SMALL STILL VOICE; spoke to my spirit one day and he said, "Why don't you give to where I direct you," so I said, "yes lord I'd love that." I still give an offering to the local church whenever I attend, but the bulk of my giving goes to where the Holy Spirit directs. A precious brother in the Lord had the same leading and conviction and we pooled his money with mine to give to where the Lord directed. It wasn't long before several others were led to do the same and through these few people, we were able to contribute \$1250.00 a month towards outreaches the Lord directed us to give. Through death and loss of jobs, our monthly income has dropped to \$650.00 a month but we still give our \$1200.00 a month. We were able to do this because one person gave \$10000.00 and this is almost deplete.

The problem with self righteousness is God still speaks but we just shrug it off as just a passing thought. Self righteousness is not something you just deal with once, but rather daily.

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow me.

If you believe in Jesus and his righteousness reigning in you, you are righteous no matter what man says. You see, God looks at the heart and not our intentions. Good intentions will send you to Hell just as fast as what you would call, a big sin.

Trust this will help

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