

Living By A Double Standard

Philippians 4:8; Galatians 1:9-11

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Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is RIGHT, whatever is PURE, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

“Just” or “right” focuses what is deemed as **GOOD** in society

Many things are **AUTOMATICALLY** “right” or acceptable.

A disciple should be able to be watched and others should say, “he is a **JUST** man”. He thinks and acts “**RIGHTLY**”.

BUT

Norms or rights are often **CULTURAL** and somewhat **FLUID**.

Some change is fine.

Some put people with conscience in personal **MORAL CRISIS**.

Is it cool or compromise?

Is it sin renamed or innocent change?

There are times I need to step in front of the societal snowball!

Ironically (?) Paul uses the word for personal **PURITY** next.

Remember, Paul, spoke of respect for government and society but more than once was **THROWN** in **JAIL** for his convictions!

These two words open the window to a panorama of issues.

“Just” vs. Purity aka Reputation vs. Salvation

My “thinker” needs two “levels”,

1. Integrity and respectability “level”.
2. Purity and conviction “level”.

Prayer

Father, help me live a life others see as “righteous” but also to,

- Possess Scriptural **CONVICTION**
 - Add to it **KNOWLEDGE**
 - Mix in some **GUTS**
 - Coat it with **WISDOM** from you!