

Finding Security In An Insecure World
Do The Right Thing!
Psalm 5

The Psalmist's Prayer:

"Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies—make straight your way before me." Psalm 5: 8

- Definition: Righteousness has to do with "doing the right thing" (as defined by God).
- Definition: Unrighteousness (also known as sin) has to do with "doing the wrong thing" (again as defined by God).

The Big Idea: With the Psalmist, we need to pray and ask God to lead us into righteousness, especially in the face of hard times.

- Ask God to remind you that tough times present a great temptation to not do the right thing.
- Ask God to help you see the areas of weakness in your life where you are most likely to compromise by not doing the right thing.
- Ask God to give you a gut-level commitment to doing the right thing, especially when it is tempting to do the wrong thing.
- If hard times have led you to do the wrong thing, do not despair. Confess that to God and embrace a new beginning in doing the right thing.
"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin...Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:1-2, 9-10
- Prayerfully develop a defensive strategy that protects you from the temptation to do the wrong thing.
"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers." Psalm 1:1
- Prayerfully develop an offensive strategy that deepens your ability to do the right thing.
"But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." Psalm 1:2
"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
Psalm 119:11