

## Rules For A Righteous Day

Ever wonder how to have a good and righteous day? Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." A Christian ought to wake up everyday thinking what they can do to have a righteous day. Of course, to have a righteous day, one must act righteously. But what exactly does that mean? Here are some suggestions:

- Today I will not strike back (Romans 12:19-21). If someone is rude, if someone is impatient, if someone is unkind, I will not respond in a like manner. I will always make sure I am controlled.
- Today I will ask God to bless my "enemy" (Matthew 5:44-45). If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, I will quietly ask God to bless that individual. I understand that my "enemy" could be a family member, neighbor, co-worker, or stranger. It could be anyone and I will pray for them no matter who they are.
- Today I will be careful about what I say (Proverbs 26:20). I will carefully choose and guard my words so that I will not say something that is crude, ugly, or will spread gossip.
- Today I will go the extra mile (Matthew 5:38-42). I will find ways to help share the burden of another person. The sharing of burdens in this life can be a wonderful help.
- Today I will forgive (Matthew 6:14-15). I will forgive any hurts or injuries that come my way. I will not hold them against anyone because I know that is not the way a Christian should act and that God will withhold forgiveness from me.
- Today I will secretly do something kind for someone (Colossians 3:12). I will reach out anonymously and bless the life of another and hopefully make it a little easier.
- Today I will treat others the way I wish to be treated. I will practice the so-called "Golden Rule" with everyone I encounter (Matthew 7:12). This will turn others away from doing evil as well.
- Today I will raise the spirits of someone who is discouraged (Acts 4:36-37). My smile, my words, and my expression of support can make the difference to someone who is wrestling with the trials and tribulations of life.
- Today I will not use my body to commit evil. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:18-20). I will thank God for my body and use it for the glory of God.
- Today I will grow spiritually. I will spend a little more time in prayer today. I will begin my day by reading and meditating upon the scriptures in a quiet place (Psalm 119:97).

Zechariah 4:10 says, "For who hath despised the day of small things?" These seemingly "small things" will help us to have a more righteous day. But they will also help us to

have a more enjoyable, fulfilling day as well. When we learn that life is not just for ourselves and that great happiness can be found in loving properly: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself" (Luke 10:27), we will have greater satisfaction in this life. Remember, today is a gift from God so treat it preciously.

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