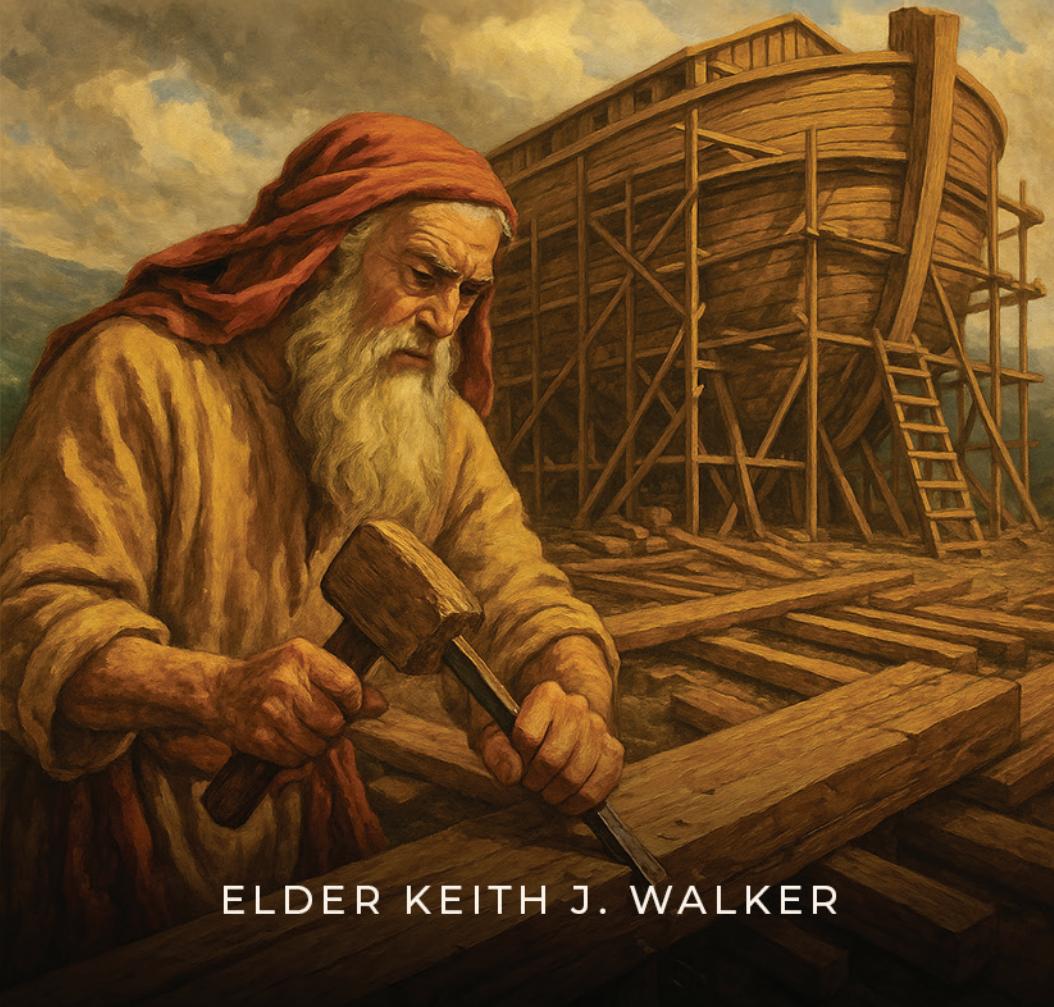


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Chapter 1: Introduction

The concept of “doing the right thing” is a significant theme throughout the Bible, reflecting moral integrity, obedience to God, and righteousness. This book explores the biblical foundation for these principles, providing examples from Scripture and teachings from the Apostle Paul.

Chapter 2: Biblical Examples of Doing the Right Thing

Men Who Did the Right Thing

1. Noah - Obeyed God by building the ark, demonstrating faith and righteousness (Genesis 6:9).
2. Abraham - Followed God's call to leave his homeland and trusted God's promises (Genesis 12:1-4).

3. Joseph - Resisted temptation and chose to honor God, even when it meant facing hardship (Genesis 39).
4. Moses - Led the Israelites out of Egypt and obeyed God's commands despite challenges (Exodus 3-14).
5. David - Although he made mistakes, he repented and sought to follow God's heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Psalm 51).
6. Daniel - Remained faithful to God in a foreign land, refusing to compromise his beliefs (Daniel 1, 6).
7. Nehemiah - Worked diligently to rebuild Jerusalem's walls and sought to honor God in leadership (Nehemiah 1-2).
8. Peter - After denying Jesus, he repented and became a strong leader in the early church (John 21:15-19; Acts 2).

Women Who Did the Right Thing

1. Eve - Played a crucial role in God's redemptive plan (Genesis 3:20).
2. Sarah - Trusted God's promise and bore Isaac (Genesis 21:1-7).
3. Miriam - Protected her brother Moses (Exodus 2:4-8).
4. Ruth - Demonstrated loyalty and faithfulness to Naomi (Ruth 1:16-17).
5. Esther - Risked her life to save her people (Esther 4:14).

6. Mary - Accepted God's call to be the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:38).
7. Mary Magdalene - The first to witness Jesus' resurrection (John 20:1-18).
8. Priscilla - Taught Apollos about Jesus (Acts 18:26).

Chapter 3: Principles from Proverbs and Psalms

This chapter outlines key principles from Proverbs and Psalms that guide believers in making righteous choices. These principles emphasize the importance of integrity, wisdom, and reliance on God.

Key Principles

1. Fear of the Lord: Recognizing God's authority and wisdom as the foundation for moral living.
2. Wisdom and Understanding: Seeking God's guidance in decision-making.
3. Integrity: The importance of honesty and ethical behavior.
4. Righteousness: Pursuing what is right in God's eyes.
5. Listening to Counsel: Valuing wise advice and community input.
6. Avoiding Deceit: Committing to truthfulness in all interactions.
7. Trust in God's Plan: Relying on God's sovereignty

and timing.

Chapter 4: Paul's Writings on Doing the Right Thing

Overview of Paul's Ministry and Teachings

The Apostle Paul played a pivotal role in the early church, emphasizing the importance of living a life that reflects God's righteousness. His letters provide profound insights into the concept of doing the right thing.

Key Scriptures Emphasizing Righteousness and Integrity

1. Romans 12:2: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
2. Galatians 6:9: “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”
3. Ephesians 4:1: “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”
4. Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if

there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

5. 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22: “But test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.”

6. Titus 2:7-8: “Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned.”

7. Colossians 3:23-24: “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.”

1 Timothy and 2 Timothy: Guidance on Righteous Living

1 Timothy

1. 1 Timothy 1:5: “The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

2. 1 Timothy 4:12: “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

3. 1 Timothy 6:11-12: “But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.”

2 Timothy

1. 2 Timothy 1:7: “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”
2. 2 Timothy 2:15: “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”
3. 2 Timothy 3:16-17: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Practical Applications of Paul’s Teachings in Daily Life

This section will explore how Paul’s teachings can be applied in various aspects of life, including relationships, work, and community involvement.

Chapter 5: Fables, Proverbs, and Illustrations on Doing the Right Thing

A Collection of Fables

1. The Boy Who Cried Wolf: A story about the consequences of lying and the importance of honesty.
2. The Tortoise and the Hare: Illustrates perseverance and integrity over arrogance and deceit.

3. The Ant and the Grasshopper: A tale about hard work and planning for the future.

Proverbs on Integrity and Righteousness

1. Proverbs 10:9: “Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.”
2. Proverbs 11:3: “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.”
3. Proverbs 12:22: “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are His delight.”

Illustrative Stories from History and Literature

1. The Story of George Washington and the Cherry Tree: Illustrates the value of honesty and integrity.
2. The Life of Martin Luther King Jr.: His commitment to nonviolence and justice exemplifies doing the right thing in the face of adversity.
3. The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37): A powerful illustration of compassion and doing the right thing for others, regardless of societal boundaries.

Chapter 6: Conclusion

In conclusion, the call to “do the right thing” is

a foundational aspect of the Christian faith. By examining the lives of biblical figures, the teachings of Paul, and the wisdom found in fables and proverbs, believers are encouraged to pursue righteousness, integrity, and obedience to God. The journey of doing the right thing is not always easy, but it is essential for reflecting God's love and truth in the world.

Final Thoughts

This book aims to inspire readers to embrace the principle of doing the right thing in their lives, drawing from the rich wisdom of Scripture, the examples of faithful individuals throughout history, and timeless fables and proverbs. By allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us, we can live lives that honor God and positively impact those around us.