

What Does Scripture Say About Justice?

Throughout the Bible, scripture reveals God's will to do justice. The Hebrew prophets continually remind God's people, "...What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). The prophets give specific warning to those who seek only their own well-being and ignore the well-being of the marginalized and oppressed. Israel's failure to be just and righteous is clearly seen as disobedience to God and the reason for national decay and destruction.

Jesus frequently witnessed to the priority of the poor in the reign of God. He challenged the rich young ruler; he sharply criticized the hard-heartedness of religious leaders, and he taught that those who reached out to marginalized persons were serving him (Luke 18:18-25, Matthew 19:16-24 and Luke 10:25-37). In addition, Christ speaks of the accountability of nations to do justice in Matthew 25 and states, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."



An "advocate" is someone who pleads the cause of another. As people of faith, we are called to plead the cause of those who are bruised by the injustices of life.

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- To educate within the 5 Presbyteries about ministries defined by the Presbyteries
- To coordinate and facilitate advocacy projects as directed by the Steering Committee of the Presbytery Partnership Group
- To communicate opportunities for advocacy to the 5 Presbyteries
- To organize annual trips to the UN Office and the DC office for the youth and adults of our 5 Presbyteries

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