Pastor's Weekly Devotional- April 14, 2016

"What Does God Expect of Me?"

The ancient prophet Micah isn't exactly a household name. Too bad. Though obscure, the man had his stuff together. Eclipsed by the much more famous Isaiah, who ministered among the elite, Micah took God's message to the streets. Micah states exactly what many, to this day, incorrectly assume about pleasing God.

We have made serving God so sacrificial...so complicated...so extremely difficult. God is seen as One who is virtually impossible to please. Therefore, religion has become a series of long, drawn-put, deeply painful acts designed to appease this peeved Deity in the sky who takes delight in watching us squirm.

Micah erases this notion. He replaces the complicated possibilities with one of the finest definitions of simple faith:

"He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you – But to do <u>justice</u>, to <u>love kindness</u>, and To <u>walk humbly</u> with your God?" (<u>Micah</u> 6:8).

God does not look for big-time, eternal displays...what does He require? Read the list:

To do justice...
To love kindness...
To walk humbly with your God...

When you love kindness, live uprightly, and walk humbly, you model God's life to others in unspoken, but easily observed ways. How about starting today?

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin