

The Communicator

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MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

LARRY'S LINES

The calendar has turned, and we find ourselves in a new year-2023. Didn't 2022 just start last week? The year did seem to pass very quickly.

I am not much into making New Year's resolutions, but I do think we should set goals, not just for a new year but for every day.

The prophet Micah in chapter 6 asks a question for us to ponder: ***With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on High?*** Then he asks about bringing all kinds of offerings, including his firstborn child. Should I bring all this to satisfy God? These are rhetorical questions that he answers in v. 8 where he reminds his readers (and us) what the Lord requires of us: ***Do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.***

These three are a package deal. It is only as we establish the third quality (***Walk humbly with God***) that we can practice the first two (***Do justice and love kindness***). This is what Jesus meant when He tells us ***"to love God with all our heart, soul and mind and the love others as we love ourselves.***

If we do not walk humbly in relation to God, it is unlikely—if not impossible—that we will walk humbly with other people. If we love kindness, mercy, and compassion, we shall act justly.

DO WE WANT THE GOOD LIFE IN 2023? It is accessible to those who listen and respond to what God has shown to be good.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday and every Sunday in worship.

In Christ,

Larry

