



Ever-flowing Righteousness

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Thoughts to Ponder

1. Many folks see the world as being divided into "good guys and bad guys," "ins and outs," "us and them," etc.
 - a. Is this mindset a component of your world view?
 - b. Do you think God compares you to others?
2. The Bible teaches that we are to love others in the way God loves us (Mark 12:30-31).
 - a. Recall occasions when you struggled with this teaching.
 - b. Have you ever found it easy to apply this teaching?
 - c. Do you believe everyone is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27)?
3. How we interact with others makes a difference in their lives and ours, the magnitude of which we seldom comprehend at the time.
 - a. Do you put your needs, plans and comfort above all else – is your life centered on yourself?

- b. Recall a time when your selfishness gutted a relationship.
 - c. Recall a time when someone else's selfishness scarred you.
4. The justice sinners like you and me deserve is the wrath of God; but we want what we do not deserve: mercy.
- a. At the foot of the Cross, the ground is level: everyone is wearing a black hat. Do you believe this?
 - b. The only white hat on Calvary's hill is in the shape of a crown of thorns. Do you believe this?
 - c. In essence, the Gospel conveys Jesus' offer to all: "Swap hats with me and I'll take the blame for everything you've done wrong and give you the credit for everything I've done right." Have you accepted that offer?

