

## Righteousness Can Be Its Own Reward

Righteousness can be its own reward; it has definite worldly benefits.

Proverbs 14:34

Proverbs 12:28; 13:6

Deut 10.12-13

1 Tim 4:8

Impossible to separate righteousness from and God and His commandments.

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags - Isa 64.6 KJV

All have sinned, therefore not righteous on our own - Rom 3.23

None righteous, no not one - Psalm 14.1-3; Rom 3.10

Righteousness comes from God, through His gospel - Rom 1.16-17

However, just to live according to His precepts is a reward all its own:

Golden Rule - Matt 7.12

Violence - Exodus 20.13; Matt 5.21-24

Adultery, fornication & sexual perversion

1 Thess 4.1-6

Rom 1.24-27

Family

Wife - Eph 5.22-24; Prov 31.10-12

Husband - Eph 5.25; 6.4; Deut 6.2

Children - Eph 6.1-2

The elderly - 1 Tim 5.16

Widows and fatherless - James 1.27

All people- Gal 6.9-10

Personal relationships

Work - Eph 6.5-9

Neighbors - 1 Thess 4.3-6; you shall not steal or covet - Rom 13.9

Government - Rom 13.1-2

And this doesn't even take into account God and His promises

Where is any real downside?