## **Right(eous)**

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I. Intro

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is key to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## II. How to Be Right(eous)

- A. Prioritize \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. James 1:19 (NIV) My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

NOTE: Be quick to \_\_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and slow to become \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. James 1:20 (NIV) Because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ = The state or quality of that which accords with God's law.
    - b. Jesus was always \_\_\_\_\_!
      - i. Ephesians 2:14-16 (NIV) <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

ii. Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV) <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'<sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

C. Put off \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. James 1:21 (NIV) Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.
  - a. *Evil* = \_\_\_\_\_ = a force that destroys fellowship
- 2. Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV) <sup>22</sup>You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

III. Conclusion