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*Justice*

## JUSTICE

If we do not have a seamless garment of justice that applies to all of our relationships and all of society, we will not be taken seriously on any individual hot-button issue. If we do not seek and pursue *justice across the board*, then any concerns for or against issues of abortion, homosexuality, immigration, women's rights, prison reform, opposition to war, etc., should and will be seen as a small rag that has been torn from any clean or consistent cloth of thinking. It is seen as mere self interest or angry moralizing.

The Gospel has little weight when it is merely bi-partisan wrangling instead of trans-partisan wisdom and holiness. Social justice is concern for the truly big picture ("Reign of God") and not just *my* issues. In this regard, it is hard to beat Catholic social doctrine, at least on paper.

Resources of Fr. Richard's that address this topic include  
*A Lever and a Place to Stand* (CD) and  
*Contemplation in Action* (book)

**Starter Prayer:**

**And what does the Lord require of you?**

**To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6: 8).**

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