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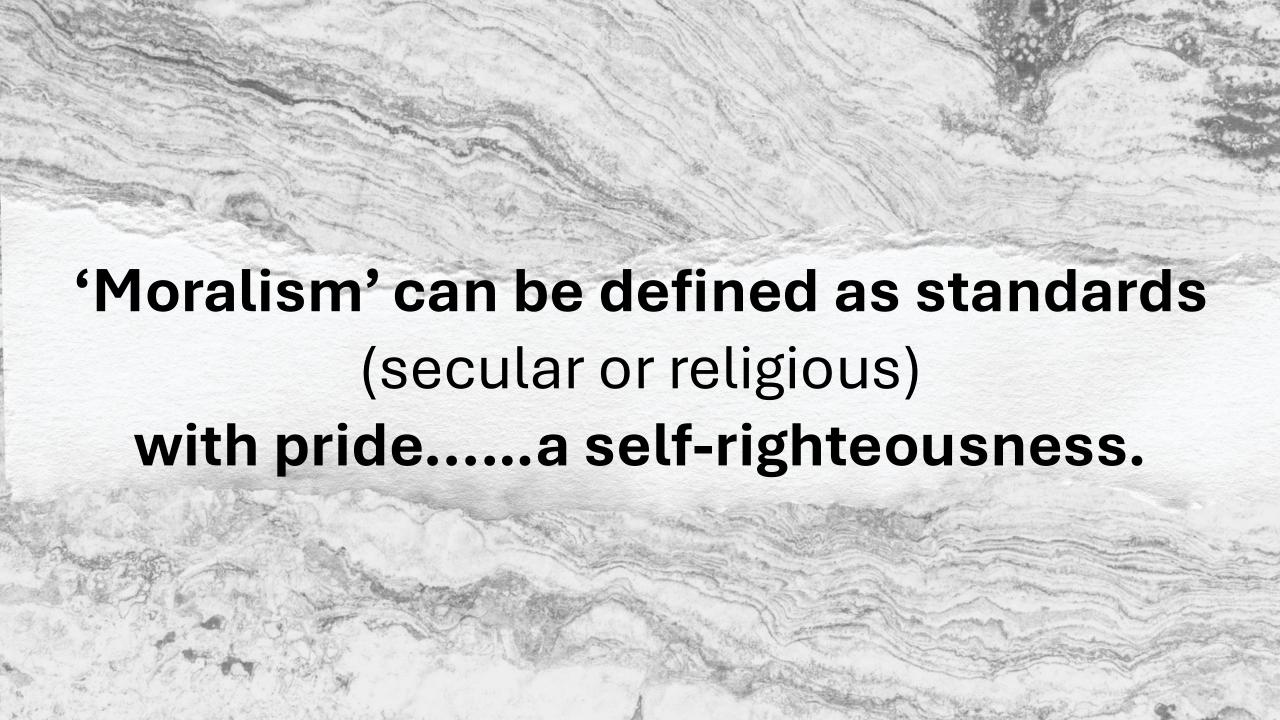
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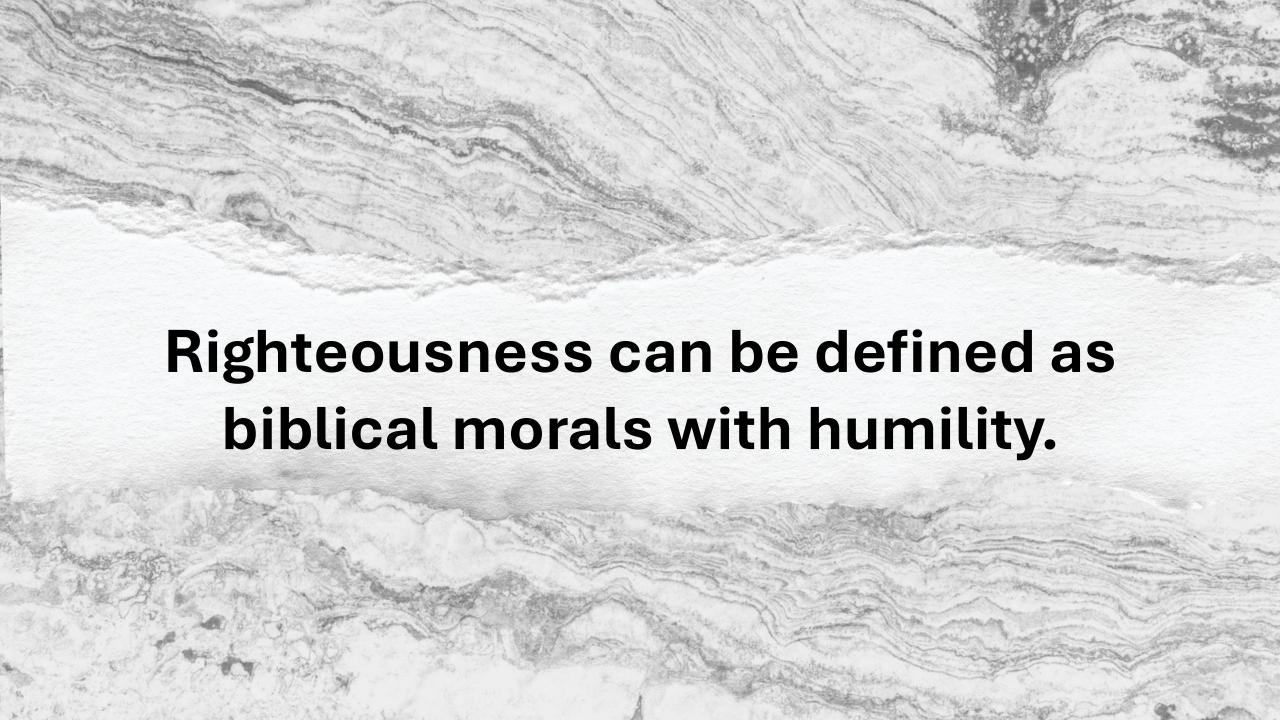


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#### **Romans 13:9**

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word:

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## Have no other gods before Me.

## Have no graven images.

#### Do not take God's name in vain.

## Remember the Sabbath.

### Honor your father and your mother.

#### Do not murder.

## Do not commit adultery.

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## Do not bear false witness.

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#1 & 10 focuses on the human heart and its various desires.

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#### Matthew 15:19-20a

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person."



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#### Luke 12:13-15

- <sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to Him,
  - "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- <sup>14</sup> But He said to him,
  - "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"
- <sup>15</sup> And He said to them,
  - "Take care, and be on your guard against all *covetousness*, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

#### **James 4:2**

- 1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?
- You desire and do not have, so you murder.You *covet* and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.You do not have, because you do not ask.
- 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.
- 4 You adulterous people!

#### Colossians 3:5-11

- <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and *covetousness*, which is idolatry.
- <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming.
- <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.
- <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices
- and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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What do you covet that the Lord has not given you?



## Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.



# Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

