

Defining "Justice"

It is impossible to find what you do not understand. To encounter justice within and in the world, you must first define it in a way that is applicable to your own life. You may tend to think of "justice" in terms of getting and taking. You may view "injustice" as "taking away something of mine." You should attempt to develop a more personal and meaningful definition of justice.

Justice speaks about life. Each letter in the word "justice" stands for an experience of life. You are encouraged to find yourself within an experience of that part of justice. You must find justice within before you can work for it in the world. Justice is powerful if you understand what it means!

What Does "Justice" Mean?

- Journey:** a life-long process of discovery, reevaluation, and re-creation.
- Upholding:** building up of self, others, outcasts, special needs, and the oppressed.
- Service:** repeatedly activating the Gospel values I claim to believe in.
- Transformation:** calls me to be my best and to empower others to become their best. It demands a radical recognition of the God within and without.
- Inclusive:** all are part (responsible, necessary, and deserving) of this attitude or way of life.
- Commitment:** a dedicated "yes" to making a difference and taking responsibility for my faith and its expression.
- Emancipating:** freedom from limitations placed on self, others, and God. It challenges me to be, rather than just exist.