**Righteousness is the pursuit of good (God)**

**RIGHTEOUS**, adjective ri'chus.  
**1.** Just; accordant to the divine law. Applied to persons, it denotes one who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice; as a righteous man. Applied to things, it denotes consonant to the divine will or to justice; as a righteous act. It is used chiefly in theology, and applied to God, to his testimonies and to his saints.  
The righteous in Scripture, denote the servants of God, the saints.  
**2.** Just; equitable; merited.  
And I thy righteous doom will bless.

**Psalms 33:18-22**18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy,  
19 To deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in a time of famine.  
20 Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.  
21 For our heart shall rejoice in him because we have trusted in his holy name.  
22 Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us according as we hope in thee.

**Psalms 64:10**  
10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

**Psalms 119:1-3**1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord.  
2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies and that seek him with the whole heart.  
3 They also do no iniquity; they walk in his ways.

**Proverbs 13:5-6**  
5 A righteous man hateth lying; but a wicked man is loathsome and cometh to shame.  
6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way; but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

**Matthew 5: 3-14 (Beatitudes) [3 Nephi 5:47-59]**

**2 Timothy 2:22-26**22 Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.  
23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.  
24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,  
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth,  
26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

**1 John 4:12-15**  
12 No man hath seen God at any time, except them who believe. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.  
13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.  
14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.  
15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**Alma 5:33-36  
33 For I perceive that ye are in the paths of righteousness; I perceive that ye are in the path which leads to the kingdom of God;  
34 Yea, I perceive that ye are making his paths straight; I perceive that it has been made known unto you by the testimony of his word that he cannot walk in crooked paths;  
35 Neither doth he vary from that which he hath said; neither hath he a shadow of turning from the right to the left nor from that which is right to that which is wrong; therefore, his course is one eternal round.  
36 And he doth not dwell in unholy temples; neither can filthiness nor anything which is unclean be received into the kingdom of God;**

**GOOD**, adjective**1.** Valid; legally firm; not weak or defective; having strength adequate to its support; as a good title; a good deed; a good claim.  
**3.** Complete or sufficiently perfect in its kind; having the physical qualities best adapted to its design and use; opposed to bad, imperfect, corrupted, impaired. We say, good timber, good cloth, a good soil, a good color.  
And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good [Genesis 1:4](https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/good).  
**4.** Having moral qualities best adapted to its design and use, or the qualities which God's law requires; virtuous; pious; religious; applied to persons, and opposed to bad, vitious, wicked, evil.  
Yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. [Romans 5:7](https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/good).  
**5.** Conformable to the moral law; virtuous; applied to actions.  
In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works. [Titus 2:3](https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/good).  
**8.** Sound; perfect; uncorrupted; undamaged. This fruit will keep good the whole year.

**Luke 18:18-19 (God is the source of all that is good)  
18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?  
19 Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one--that is God.**

**James 1:17**17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**17 Therefore, if any man live in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new,  
18 And receiveth all the things of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation:  
19 To wit, that God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.  
20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, Be ye reconciled to God.  
21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.