

## ONE TEAM, ONE PURPOSE: What is Required?

Teaching is more than just a job—it's a calling, a ministry, a mission field. The task is often daunting. The needs are great. How can Christian educators embrace their unique purpose without becoming overwhelmed and discouraged by increasing demands and expectations? We need a spiritual compass. Let's look to God's Word for guidance.

[Read Micah 6:1-7.](#)

In verses 1-5, God brought His case against Israel. Despite His continued faithfulness, Israel had continued to be disobedient. In desperation they cried out to God, asking what they could bring to Him. Their list included numerous and painful sacrifices. As a Christian educator, you may find yourself constantly giving—your time, your energy, your wisdom, and sometimes even your peace of mind. Like Israel in Micah 6, we might ask, “*Lord, what more can I bring? What else do You want from me?*”

***Has this ever happened to you?***

[Read Micah 6:8.](#) Use this link to see numerous translations.

Notice the very first statement. They already knew the answer to their questions! God's purposes for them had not changed. He wanted their hearts, not their sacrifices. ***What three acts of love does He require?*** Note the words used in various translations.

This verse gives us a kind of spiritual compass. It's not a checklist but a posture of the heart. Looking at various translations...

- ***What does it mean to act justly? Share one way this might play out in your workplace.***
- ***What does it mean to love mercy? What might this look like in your school setting?***
- ***What does it mean to walk humbly with your God? What do you need to depend on God for today?***

God is not looking for educators who merely go through the motions and comply with rules. His heart is for us to teach from a place of love, model justice in how we treat every student, extend mercy to those who are struggling, and walk humbly in full dependence on Him. This is how we honor God and reflect His love. This is our purpose.

*Father, thank You for the calling to teach, lead, and love in Your name. Help me to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You, especially when times are difficult. Remind me that I'm not in this alone. Surround me with others who share this calling, and help us live as one team with one purpose: to glorify You in everything we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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