





judge who is in office at that time. Inquire of them and they will give you the verdict. **10** You must act according to the decisions they give you at the place the LORD will choose. Be careful to do everything they instruct you to do. **11** Act according to whatever they teach you and the decisions they give you. Do not turn aside from what they tell you, to the right or to the left. **12** Anyone who shows contempt for the judge or for the priest who stands ministering there to the LORD your God is to be put to death. You must purge the evil from Israel. **13** All the people will hear and be afraid, and will not be contemptuous again.

## What I Have Learned

Review Deuteronomy 16:18–20; 17:8–13. Read the verses below, fill in the missing words on the blanks provided, and label each verse at the end.

1. Follow \_\_\_\_\_ and justice \_\_\_\_\_, so that you may \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the land the Lord your God is \_\_\_\_\_ you. Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
2. All the people will \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_, and will not be \_\_\_\_\_ again. Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
3. You must \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_ they give you at the \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord will choose. Be careful to do \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ you to do. Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ justice or show partiality. Do not accept a \_\_\_\_\_, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the \_\_\_\_\_ of the innocent. Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for each of your \_\_\_\_\_ in every town the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people \_\_\_\_\_. Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Act according to whatever they \_\_\_\_\_ you and the decisions they give you. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ aside from what they tell you, to the \_\_\_\_\_ or to the left. Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

## Keep In Mind

*“Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every town the LORD your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people fairly” (Deuteronomy 16:18, NIV).*

## Choosing What’s Best

In Sunday School and Bible class, we are taught to trust God and to do our best to be more Christlike in how we live our lives. We are taught to obey those in authority who want the best for us, such as our parents and our pastors. Take a moment and write down a few things you learned that guided you to live life positively. Did you ever stray or do something wrong? What were your consequences, and who provided the punishment?

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## Doing My Part

Who do you consider a leader? In the coming week, take some time to speak with two people who you consider to be leaders. Get to know the importance of their job and how they help people. Ask if their faith in God helps them make important decisions.