

1. Jesus Cared for the Poor

- Psalm 69:33; Matthew 5:42; Mark 10:21; Luke 10:29-37
- Luke 12:12-14, "Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."
- Matthew 25:34-36, "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me."

2. The Apostles Ceased Not To Remember The Poor

- John 12:4-6; Mark 14:10; Galatians 2:9-10
- 1 John 3:16-17, "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"
- Galatians 6:9-10, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

3. The Early Church Contributed To The Poor

- Acts 2:44-45, "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need."
- 2 Cor. 8:2, 5, "That in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality... "And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God."
- James 1:27, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

How Poor Am I? Do I Know How Much I'm Loved?

Poor Enough To Realize We Must Obey The Gospel?

Hear Him (Romans 10:17)

Believe Him (Mark 16:16)

Repent Of Sins Against Him (Acts 2:38)

Confess Him (Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized Into Him (Acts 22:16)

Live For Him (Galatians 2:20)

Poor Enough To Realize We Must Be Restored?

Come Back To Him (Matthew 11:28-30)

Repent (Acts 8:22)

Pray (James 5:16)