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### **Proverbs 19:17**

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,  
and He will reward him for what he has done.

## GOD'S HEART FOR THE POOR

### **Psalms 10:14**

The unfortunate commits himself to You; You have been the helper of the orphan. Oh Lord, you have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline your ear to vindicate the orphan and the oppressed.

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### **Psalm 72:12–13**

For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

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### **Deuteronomy 10:18**

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.

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### **Psalm 68:5**

A father to the fatherless, and a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.

## SHARE YOUR HARVEST

### **Leviticus 23:22**

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God.

## AN ACT OF CONSECRATION

### **Isaiah 58:6–7**

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?



## TRUE RELIGION

### **James 1:27**

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

## FEED YOUR ENEMY

### **Romans 12:20**

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

TO IGNORE THE POOR IS SIN

**Proverbs 14:31**

He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

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**Proverbs 21:13**

If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

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**Proverbs 28:27**

He who gives to the poor will lack nothing,  
but he who closes his eyes to them receives  
many curses.

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### **Ezekiel 16:49**

Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom:  
She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed  
and unconcerned; they did not help the poor  
and needy.

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**1 John 3:17**

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God dwell in him?

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If there is no sign of caring for the poor in our lives, then we would need to question if Christ is truly in our hearts.



## THE BLESSED LIFE

### **Proverbs 14:21**

Blessed is he who is kind to the needy.

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### **Proverbs 22:9**

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

## THE BLESSED LIFE

### **Isaiah 58:10**

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noon day.

## LOVING JESUS BY CARING FOR THE POOR

### **Matthew 25:34-36**

Then the king will say to those on His right,  
'Come you who are blessed by My Father; take  
your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you  
since the creation of the world. For I was hungry  
and you gave Me something to eat...

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### **Matthew 25:34-36**

...I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'

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### **Matthew 25:40**

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.

THE EARLY CHURCH DEMONSTRATED IT

**Acts 2:44–45**

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

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**Acts 4:32**

All the believers were one in heart and mind.  
No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.



## THE EARLY CHURCH DEMONSTRATED IT

### **Galatians 2:9-10**

James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship... They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

## EMPEROR JULIAN

“Nothing has contributed to the progress of the superstition of these Christians as their charity to strangers, the impious Galileans provide not only for their own poor but for ours as well.”

RICH CHURCH POOR CHURCH

Churches become poor if they become rich  
and care not for the poor.