

Acts 20.17-35

-The Theology of Giving

-Matthew 6:24-34

-“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...”

-Leviticus 19:9 (ESV) “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.

-Leviticus 23:22 (ESV) “And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.”

-Deuteronomy 24:19-22 (ESV) 19 “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. 21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. 22 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.

-Proverbs 19:17 (ESV)

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

-Proverbs 21:13 (ESV)

**Whoever closes his ear to the
cry of the poor will himself call
out and not be answered.**

-Proverbs 22:9 (ESV) Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

-Ezekiel 16:49 (ESV) Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.

-Luke 6:30-31 (ESV) 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

-Luke 6:38 (ESV) give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

-Galatians 6:7 (ESV) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

-To the Lord

-Exodus 23:19 (ESV) “The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God...”

-John 12:4-8 (ESV) 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

-1 Timothy 5:17-18 (ESV) 17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”

-1 Corinthians 9:13-14 (ESV) 13 Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? 14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

-1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (ESV) 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

-1 Chronicles 29:14 (ESV) “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

**-1 Chronicles 29:16 (ESV) O
LORD our God, all this
abundance that we have
provided for building you a
house for your holy name
comes from your hand and is
all your own.**

-Hebrews 9:27 (ESV) And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

**-Galatians 6:10 (ESV) So then,
as we have opportunity, let us
do good to everyone, and
especially to those who are of
the household of faith.**

-2 Thessalonians 3:6 (ESV)

**Now we command you,
brothers, in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that you
keep away from any brother
who is walking in idleness and
not in accord with the tradition
that you received from us.**

-2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 (ESV) 10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

-1 Thessalonians 5:14 (ESV)

**And we urge you, brothers,
admonish the idle, encourage
the fainthearted, help the
weak, be patient with them all.**

-1 Timothy 5:8 (ESV) But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

-1 Timothy 5:9-16

-The Lord

-Those in need within the church

-All (including unbelievers) who are truly in need

-Luke 4:18-19 (ESV) 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

-John 3:16 (ESV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**-Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) 8 For
by grace you have been saved
through faith. And this is not
your own doing; it is the gift of
God, 9 not a result of works,
so that no one may boast.**

-Acts 11:29 (ESV) So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

-2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (ESV) 6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

-2 Corinthians 9:10-12 (ESV) 10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

**-2 Corinthians 9:15 (ESV)
Thanks be to God for his
inexpressible gift!**