

Remember the Poor

Galatians 2:8-10

Gal 2:8-10- (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should **go to the Gentiles** and they to the circumcised. **Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.**

Luke 14:12-14 He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, **do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors**, lest they also invite you in return and **you be repaid**. But when you give a feast, invite the **poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind**, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Luke 6:32-36 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For **even sinners love those who love them**. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. **Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.**

Rom 5:6-8 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

James 2:14-17 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “**Go in peace, be warmed and filled,**” **without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Acts 3:4-8 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but **what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!**” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

Matt 25:35-40 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, **‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’**