

# Mandate to Help the Needy

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## **Deuteronomy 15:7-8**

“If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.”

## **Deuteronomy 15:10**

“Be sure to give without any hesitation. When you do this, the Lord your God will bless you in everything you work for and set out to do.

## **Psalm 37:26**

“The godly always give generous loans to others, and their children are a blessing.”

## **Psalm 41:1-3**

“Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The LORD rescues them when they are in trouble. The LORD protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity in the land and rescues them from their enemies. The LORD nurses them when they are sick and restores them to health.”

## **Psalm 112:5-7**

“Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly. Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered. They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the LORD to care for them.”

## **Psalm 112:9**

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.”

## **Proverbs 14:21**

“He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.”

## **Proverbs 14:31**

“He that oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker: but he that honors the Lord will have mercy on the poor.”

## **Proverbs 19:17**

“The one who is gracious to the poor, lends to the LORD, and the LORD will repay him for his good deed.”

**Proverbs 21:26**

“Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!”

**Proverbs 22:9**

“Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.”

**Proverbs 28:27**

“Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to poverty will be cursed.”

**Proverbs 29:7**

“The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.”

**Proverbs 31:9**

“Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”

**Malachi 3:10**

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

**Matthew 5:42**

“Give to everyone who asks you for something. Don’t turn anyone away who wants to borrow something from you.”

**Matthew 6:24**

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

**Matthew 25:31-40**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by 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 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.'"

**Luke 6:38**

"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."

**John 13:34-35**

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Acts 20:35**

"In every way I showed you that by working hard like this we should help the weak and remember the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**Romans 12:10-13**

'Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.'

**Romans 12:13**

"Supply the needs of the saints. Extend hospitality to strangers."

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

'But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.'

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

“Each of you must give what you have decided in your heart, not with regret or under compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. Besides, God is able to make every blessing of yours overflow for you, so that in every situation you will always have all you need for any good work.”

**Galatians 2:10**

“All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.”

**Galatians 5:22-23**

“But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control. There is no law against such things as these.”

**Ephesians 4:28**

“He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.”

**Ephesians 4:32**

“And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another just as God has forgiven you in the Messiah.”

**Colossians 3:12**

“As holy people whom God has chosen and loved, be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle, and patient.”

**Acts 2:44-26**

“And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.”

**1 Timothy 5:8** –

“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”

**1 Timothy 6:17-18**

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.”

**Hebrews 13:16**

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

**James 1:17**

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

**James 2:26**

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

**1 John 3:17-18**

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

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