

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

If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother.

Rather be openhanded and freely lend  
him whatever he needs.

# **2 Corinthians 8:10-15, NIV**

And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

# **Luke 10:30-37, NIV**

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.

Then he put the man on his own donkey,  
took him to an inn and took care of him.  
The next day he took out two silver coins  
and gave them to the innkeeper.

'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

# The Message

please be seated

# Questions

- WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?
- WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?
- WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD

THE FOLLOWING  
IS NOT THE  
KINGDOM OF  
GOD

26,575 children die  
each day of largely  
preventable causes  
related to their  
poverty

<b>Average Income</b>	<b>Number of People</b>	<b>Percentage of World</b>
Less than \$2 per day	2.6 billion	40%
Less than \$1 per day	1.0 billion	15%
\$105 per day (USA)	0.3 billion	4.5%

Today, 1,125 billionaires  
hold more wealth than  
the wealth of half of the  
world's adult population

The wealthiest seven people on earth control more wealth than combined GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the 41 most heavily indebted (poor) nations.

The top 20% of the  
world's population  
consumes 86% percent of  
the world's goods

# Comparing Nations Over Time

- In 1820 the richest country was 4 times richer than the poorest country
- In 1913 the richest country was 11 times richer than the poorest country
- In 1950 the richest country was 35 times richer than the poorest country
- In 2002 the richest country was 75 times richer than the poorest country

# Hunger

- 1 of 4 children in developing nations are underweight
- 350 – 400 million children are hungry
- 1 in 7 worldwide (854 million people) do not have enough food to sustain them
- 25,000 people die each day of hunger or related causes

# Thirst

- As many as 5 million people die every year of water-related illnesses.
- Parents can choose between letting their children die from lack of water or from dying from tainted water.

# Disease

In Sierra Leone,  
28.2 percent of all  
children are dead  
by age five

# Disease

One Third of the  
World's Population is  
infected with TB

## % Under 5 Child Death (= 10 Million per Year)

Birth Complications	21
Pneumonia	19
Diarrheal Diseases	17
Neonatal Illnesses	15
Malaria	8
Measles	4
AIDS	3
Injuries	3
All Other	10

THE FOLLOWING  
IS THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD

Life expectancy in  
developing nations  
increased from 46  
years in 1960 to 66  
years in 2005

The under 5 child  
mortality rate has been  
cut in half since 1970

Preventable child  
deaths have fallen 50  
percent since 1960  
from 20 million+ to less  
than 10 million

The percentage of the world's people classified as hungry has been reduced from 33% to 18% over the past 40 years

The percentage of people with access to clean water in developing nations went from 35% in 1975 to 80% in 2007

Polio has been nearly  
eradicated from the  
globe

Adult literacy has risen  
from 43% to 77% since  
1970

The Bible Says...

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ...**Your plenty will supply what they need**, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality (2 Corinthians 8:13-14, NIV)

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, **“Go and do likewise.”**

(Luke 10:36-37, NIV)

**When Jesus saw this, he was**  
**indignant.** He said to them, “Let the  
little children come to me, and do  
not hinder them, for the kingdom of  
God belongs to such as these.

(Mark 10:14, NIV)

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”

(Matthew 10:42, NIV)

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore **I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.**

(Deuteronomy 15:11, NIV)

**Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

(Psalm 82:3-4, NIV)

“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.**

(Ezekiel 16:49, NIV)

“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.”

(Leviticus 23:22, NIV)

“If your job produces a decent income for you, do not spend it all on yourself. **Make some of it available to the poor and the less fortunate, that they, too, might live a decent life.**”

(A modern translation of  
Leviticus 23:22, NIV)

SO...

Let my heart be broken  
by the things that break  
the heart of God

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