

# I Was In Prison

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." *Ephesians 4:32 (English Standard Version)*

Dickens made a \_\_\_\_\_ in how England viewed \_\_\_\_\_.

## Jesus Identifies With Those In Prison

- A. Matthew 25:35,36 - Jesus focused on people with \_\_\_\_\_ in this passage. Those who are in prison are \_\_\_\_\_ from others; yet "you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_".
- B. Seeking to understand the situation of the incarcerated:
1. Romans 13:3,4 - The governing \_\_\_\_\_ serve God by carrying out God's \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Today there are more than 2.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Americans in prisons or jails - \_\_\_\_\_ than any other nation in the world.
  3. When thinking about the incarcerated, we must be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  4. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were lawbreakers. But "Such \_\_\_\_\_ some of you ..."
  5. Romans 10:14,15 - How can the incarcerated \_\_\_\_\_ if they don't hear? How can they hear without a \_\_\_\_\_?
  6. Luke 18:9 - Some \_\_\_\_\_ in their own \_\_\_\_\_, and viewed others with \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Matthew 25:34-40 - The big lesson here is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Taking The Message Of Hope To Those In Prison

- A. Why should we not apply the gospel to inmates?
1. Luke 4:18,19 - Jesus came to proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus promises to give \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Mark 16:15 - Are prisons part of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?
  4. Ephesians 4:32 - Are those in prison \_\_\_\_\_ from this command to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. Since 2009, \_\_\_\_\_ have been taught Bible principles in local state prisons. \_\_\_\_% of these have graduated.
- C. Even the \_\_\_\_\_ man in \_\_\_\_\_ was changed!

Martin of Tours gave half of his \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_. But had he really given it to \_\_\_\_\_?

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