

God's Attitude Toward The Poor

*"She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy."
Proverbs 31:20, English Standard Version*

Do we have a _____-like attitude toward the poor?

General Statements In The Bible About The Poor

- A. A perennial challenge for all:
 - 1. Deuteronomy 15:11 – There will _____ cease to be _____ in the land.
 - 2. Matthew 26:11 – You _____ have the _____ with you.
- B. Are they poor because of laziness?
 - 1. Proverbs 13:4 – The sluggard _____ and gets _____. A wise man chooses _____.
 - 2. 2 Thessalonians 3:10,11 – If one is not _____ to _____, then he should not _____.
- C. A charge to help the poor:
 - 1. The Bible recognizes that many would do _____ if they could, but they need _____ for now.
 - 2. Leviticus 25:35-38 – Those who are poor and cannot _____ themselves should be _____.
 - 3. Proverbs 31:20 – The _____ woman opens her _____ to the poor.
 - 4. _____ was desperate, but not because she was _____.

The Christian's Attitude Toward The Poor

- A. Romans 12:2 – Will the _____ fashion the way we think on this subject? We must allow God to _____ us.
 - B. A tradition of generosity:
 - 1. Luke 21:1-4 – This poor _____ gave _____ she had.
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 9:10,11 – God will supply _____ to the _____, so he can be _____ in every way.
 - 3. Ephesians 4:28 – Do _____ work so you may have something to _____ to _____ in need.
 - 4. James 1:27 - _____ religion means helping the poor.
 - C. Matthew 14:16 – We can _____ the hungry with _____'s help.
- Acts 20:35 – Why help the _____? It is more _____ to give than to _____ (according to _____).

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