

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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