

When You Give To The Needy

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17 (English Standard Version)

Do we "_____ up" on those who come to us for _____?

"Whenever You Want ..."

A. Jesus anointed at Bethany:

1. Mark 14:4,5 - Some were _____ that the woman _____ the ointment, instead of giving its value to the _____.
2. Mark 14:6,7 - "You can do _____ for them whenever you _____." Do we want to help?

B. Who are the poor?

1. More than _____ million in the U.S. live in _____, a rate of _____%. A family of _____ making less than \$_____ per year is the "poverty threshold".
2. In Tennessee just over a _____ live in poverty: _____%.
3. In Washington County the poverty rate is _____%; in Carter County it's _____%.
4. In 2016 _____% of all children (_____ million) lived in poverty.

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A. Jesus' attitude toward helping the poor:

1. Matthew 14:15,16 - "Send them _____" versus "_____ give them _____ to _____".
2. John 12:6 - _____ carried the _____, but he didn't _____ for the poor.
3. Matthew 25:35-36,40 - When we help the _____ of these, we are helping the _____.

B. A heritage of compassion for the poor:

1. Deuteronomy 15:7-11 - "Open _____ your hand to your brother, to the _____ and to the _____ in your land."
2. Proverbs 22:9 - A _____ eye will be _____.
3. Proverbs 19:17 - Being _____ to the poor is to _____ to the _____. (We will be _____.)

C. The challenge for Christians:

1. Acts 20:35 - It's more _____ to _____ than to receive.
2. Galatians 6:10 - "Let us do _____ to _____."
3. Hebrews 13:16 - Such _____ are _____ to God.

Today, we carry the _____. Let us use it well.

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