

ALSM FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY

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ALMS - compassion towards the poor - mercy

OLD TESTAMENT

POOR - afflicted - humble - lowly - needy

NEW TESTAMENT

POOR - beggar - pauper - destitute

POOR AND NEEDY

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY TO THE JEWS

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY TO HIS DISCIPLES

WHAT DID THE EARLY CHRISTIANS DO

**DID THE LORD CHANGE HIS MIND
CONCERNING THE POOR AND NEEDY**

WHAT THE LORD TOLD THE JEWS

THERE SHOULD BE NO POOR AMONG YOU DEUTERONOMY 15:4
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE POOR PEOPLE DEUTERONOMY 15:11

HOW THEY SHOULD TREAT THE POOR

CHARGE NO INTEREST EXODUS 22:25-27
LEAVE THE GLEANINGS FOR THE POOR LEVITICUS 19:9-15
DO NOT REAP THE EDGES OF YOUR FIELD LEVITICUS 23:22
DO NOT SELL FOOD TO THE POOR LEVITICUS 25:35-38
DO NOT TREAT THE POOR AS SLAVES LEVITICUS 25:39-43

CANCEL ALL DEBTS EVERY 7 YEARS DEUTERONOMY 15:1-3
SET SLAVES FREE IN THE 7TH YEAR DEUTERONOMY 15:12-15
DO NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE POOR DEUTERONOMY 24:14-18
EVERY 3RD YEAR (TITHE FOR THE POOR) DEUTERONOMY 26:12-13

WHAT THE LORD TOLD THE JEWS

JOB TOOK CARE OF THE POOR AND NEEDY

JOB 31:16-22

RESCUE THE WEAK AND NEEDY

PSALMS 82:3-4

BLESSED IS HE WHO IS KIND TO THE NEEDY

PROVERBS 14:21

SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH THE POOR

PROVERBS 22:9

DO NOT EXPLOIT THE POOR

PROVERBS 22:22

DEFEND THE POOR AND NEEDY

PROVERBS 31:9

SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH THE HUNGRY

ISAIAH 58:5-7

DEFEND THE POOR AND NEEDY

JEREMIAH 22:16

SHOW MERCY AND COMPASSION

ZECHARIAH 7:9-12

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY TO HIS DISCIPLES?

LUKE 12:32-34

32 **Do not fear, little flock**, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 **Sell what you have and give alms**; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

34 For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**. (NKJ)

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY TO HIS DISCIPLES?

LUKE 14:13

13 **When you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID ABRAHAM SAY TO THE RICH MAN?

LUKE 16:25

25 **Abraham said, Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID JESUS SAY TO THE RICH YOUNG RULER?

LUKE 18:22

22 When Jesus heard these things, He said to him, You still lack one thing. **Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor**, and **you will have treasure in heaven**; and come, follow Me. (MATTHEW 19:16-23 & MARK 10:17-23)

WHAT DID PETER SAY TO JESUS?

LUKE 18:28-30

28 Peter said, **See, we have left all and followed You.**
29 Jesus said to them, Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, **for the sake of the kingdom of God**,
30 **Who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come everlasting life.** (NKJ)

WHAT DID ZACCHAEUS DO?

LUKE 19:8

8 Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, **Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor. And if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY TO THE RIGHTEOUS?

MATTHEW 25:37-40

37 The righteous will answer Him, saying, **Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?**

38 **When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothed You?**

39 **Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?**

40 The King will answer and say to them, **Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID HE SAY TO THE UNRIGHTEOUS?

MATTHEW 25:41-46

44 Then the unrighteous also will answer Him, saying, **Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?**

45 Then He will answer them, saying, Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID THE LORD SAID ABOUT THE POOR?

MARK 14:7

7 **You have the poor with you always and whenever you wish you may do them good. But Me you do not have always.** (NKJ) (MATTHEW 26:7-12)

WHAT DID THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH DO?

ACTS 2:44-45

44 Now **all who believed were together, and had all things in common,**

45 And **sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. (NKJ)**

WHAT WAS THE CRIPPLE MAN DOING?

ACTS 3:2-6

2 **A certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried**, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, **to ask alms from those who entered the temple;**

3 **Who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.**

4 **Fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, Look at us.**

5 **So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.**

6 **Peter said, Silver and gold I do not have, But what I do have I give you:** In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. (NKJ)

HOW DID THE PEOPLE KNOW THIS MAN?

ACTS 3:7-10

7 Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God.

9 All the people saw him walking and praising God.

10 **They knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple;** and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

(NKJ)

WHAT DID THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH DO?

ACTS 4:34-37

- 34 There was no one among them who lacked; for **all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them**, and **brought the proceeds of the things that were sold**,
- 35 **And laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.**
- 36 **Josep, who was also named Barnabas** by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,
- 37 **Having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA DO?

ACTS 5:1-6

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

2 He kept back part of the proceeds, his wife being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

4 While it remained, was it not your own? After it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.

5 Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

6 The young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. (NKJ)

WHAT DID TABITHA DO?

ACTS 9:36

36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named **Tabitha**, which is translated **Dorcas**. **This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID CORNELIUS DO FOR THE POOR?

ACTS 10:1-4

1 **There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius**, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,

2 **A devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.**

3 **About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, Cornelius!**

4 **And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, lord? So he said to him, Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID THE LORD SAY ABOUT CORNELIUS?

ACTS 10:30-31

30 Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, **Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. (NKJ)**

WHAT DID THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH DO?

ACTS 11:29-30

29 Then the disciples, **each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.**

30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. (NKJ)

ACTS 24:17

17 **After many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation,** (NKJ)

ROMANS 15:26

26 It pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia **to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.** (NKJ)

WHAT DID THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH DO?

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-3

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, **as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia**, so you must do also:

2 On the first day of the week **let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper**, that there be no collections when I come.

3 And when I come, **whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.** (NKJ)

WHAT SHOULD THEY REMEMBER TO DO?

GALATIANS 2:9-10

9 When **James, Cephas, and John**, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they **gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship**, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

10 **They desired only that we should remember the poor**, the very thing which **I also was eager to do.** (NKJ)

WHAT WERE THE CHRISTIANS ASKED TO DO?

GALATIANS 6:9-10

9 **Let us not grow weary while doing good**, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

10 Therefore, **as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

(NKJ)

HEBREWS 6:10

10 **God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love** which you have shown toward His name, in that **you have ministered to the saints and do minister.** (NKJ)

