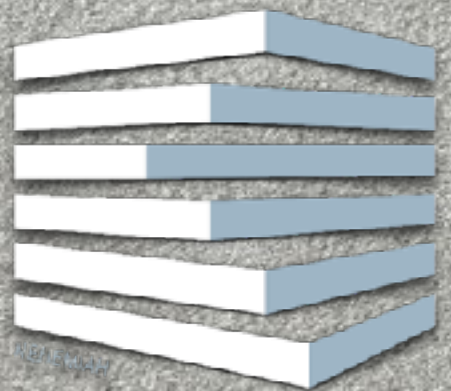


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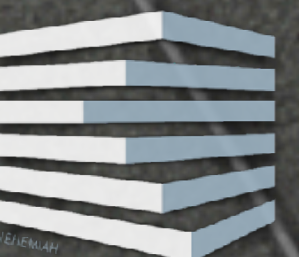
**WORKS DON'T MAKE YOU GOOD
GOOD MAKES YOU WORK**



THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

WHAT MAKES FOR A
STRONGER MARRIAGE...

FOR **RICHER**
OR
FOR **POORER?**



GOOD

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GOOD WORKS TO HELP THE POOR

NEHEMIAH 5:1-13

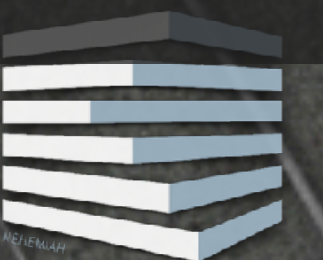


PROVERBS 19:17 | 14:31 | 28:27

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

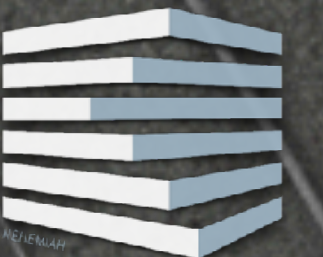
Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.



LUKE 3:10-11

John answered, “**Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.**”

NEHEMIAH 5:1-13



A BIBLICAL VIEW OF POVERTY

POVERTY COMES FROM THE FALL

(spiritual & material)

"The poor you will always have with you,..."

— Jesus (Jn. 12:8)

GEN. 3:16-19

GOD PROMISES TO END POVERTY

(poverty in every form will end)

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away He who was seated on the throne said, "**I am making everything new!**" ... "To the thirsty I **will give water without cost** from the spring of the water of life."

REV. 21:3-6

THE CHURCH MUST HELP THE POOR

(Helping others is worship)

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did for me.**'

MATT. 25:40

GOOD WORKS TO HELP THE POOR

1 John 3:16-18 – This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ... **let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

James 1:27 – Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to **look after orphans and widows in their distress** and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



HAVE YOU DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS?



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GOOD WORKS

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RUTH 2:11-16

KING JOSIAH

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ACTS 9:36-43

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LEVITICUS 23:22

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ACTS 9:36-43

“when you reap the harvest, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.”



BOAZ

RUTH 2:11-16

KING JOSIAH

JEREMIAH 22:15-16

DORCAS

ACTS 9:36-43

JEREMIAH 22:15-16

Jehoiakim, having a lot of cedar in your house does not make you a great king. Your father Josiah was satisfied to have food and drink.

He did what was right and fair so everything went well for him. Josiah helped poor and needy, so everything went well for him.



ACTS 9:36 & 39

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RUTH 2:11-16

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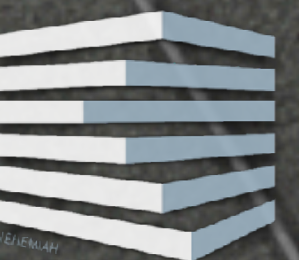
ACTS 9:36-43

[Dorcas] was full of **good works** and **acts of charity**.

All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments Dorcas made while she was with them.



ARE YOU **FULL OF**
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ACTS OF CHARITY?



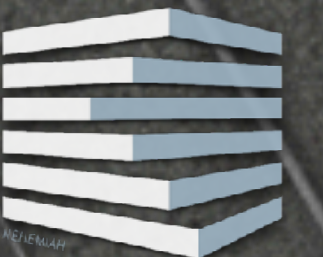
IT TAKES
HARD
WORK
TO BE KNOWN
FOR **GOOD**
WORK.



HEBREWS 10:24

"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,"

NEHEMIAH 5:1-13



SURPRISING ACTS OF LOVE MOTIVATED BY JESUS

**the
GOOD
WORKS
CHALLENGE**

**FRIENDS
FAMILIES
GROUPS**



TIPS FOR HELPING WITHOUT HURTING

- **START WITH PEOPLE IN YOUR CHURCH** (BUT DON'T STOP THERE).
- **MONEY MAY BE THE WORST OR BEST WAY TO HELP, BUT IT IS RARELY THE ONLY WAY TO HELP.**
- **DO NOT MEET A SHORT-TERM NEED IF THAT KEEPS SOMEONE FROM SOLVING THE LONG-TERM NEED.**
- **WORK WITH TRUSTED EXPERTS** (BETTER TOGETHER) **TO HELP YOU BEWARE OF BAD ACTORS.**
- **ERROR ON THE SIDE OF GENEROSITY.**



GOD
GIVES
TO YOU
IF HE CAN
GIVE
THROUGH
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- RANDY AICORN



WHY HELP THE POOR?

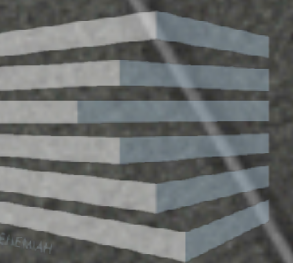
Many people **will never** **open the Bible** to find out how much God loves the poor, but **they will take notice** when followers of Jesus like you and I **care for the poor.**

**YOU ARE
THE LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD**



LET'S GET TO WORK

FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



(THIS HELPS US)
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NEXT TIME

GOOD WORKS TO GIVE **GENEROUSLY**

NEHEMIAH 5:14-19

