

Caring About The Poor

"Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard." Proverbs 21:13 (New King James Version)

Is helping the poor only an _____ ?

Caring For The Poor In Old Testament Times

A. Old Testament Examples of God's concern for the poor:

1. Exodus 23:10-11 - Every _____ years, the land was to lie _____. What grew was to be gathered by the _____.
2. Leviticus 19:9,10 - Farmers were to leave the _____ of their fields and some of the _____ for the poor.
3. Ruth 2:2,3 - _____ was poor because of circumstances beyond her control. She needed _____'s provisions!

B. Care for the poor as a teaching of wisdom:

1. Proverbs 3:27,28 - Don't _____ help when you have the _____ to help.
2. Proverbs 11:25 - He who _____ will himself be _____.
3. Proverbs 21:13 - If we _____ our _____ to the cries of the poor, our own _____ will not be _____.
4. Proverbs 19:17 - Helping the poor is _____ to the _____.

Shall God's People Care For The Poor Today?

A. hungerreport.org states that over _____ million people in the U.S. lived below _____ the poverty line in 2007. The poverty rate for children in the U.S. is _____%.

B. Christians must be people who care about the poor:

1. Mark 14:7 - The poor will _____ be _____ us; we can _____ them whenever we _____.
2. John 13:29 - Jesus' care for the poor is seen in the _____ they always carried with them.
3. Acts 20:35 - It is more _____ to _____ than to _____.
4. Hebrews 13:16 - Doing _____ and _____ with others are _____ that please God.
5. James 1:27 - Pure _____ involves helping _____ and _____.

C. Smith: The _____ of human nature is to feel _____ for others and _____ for ourselves.

Matthew 11:4,5 - Jesus showed He was _____ by _____ the gospel to the _____.

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