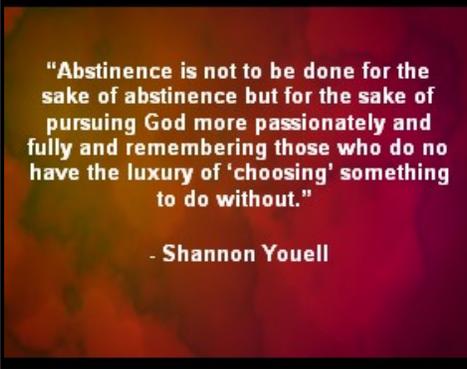


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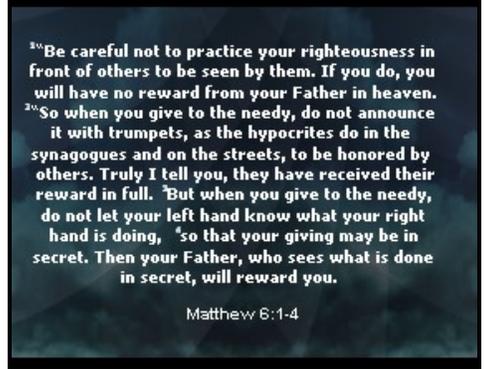


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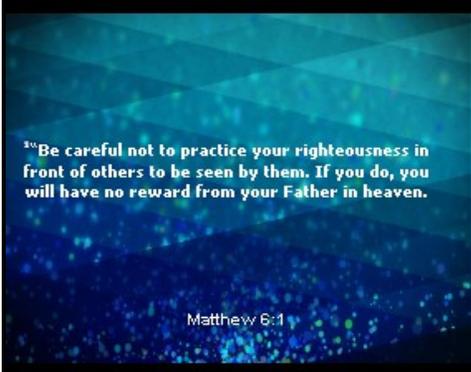
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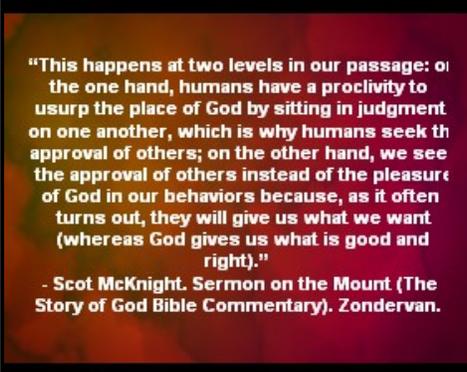
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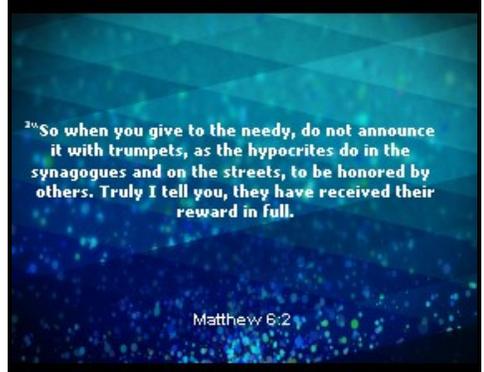
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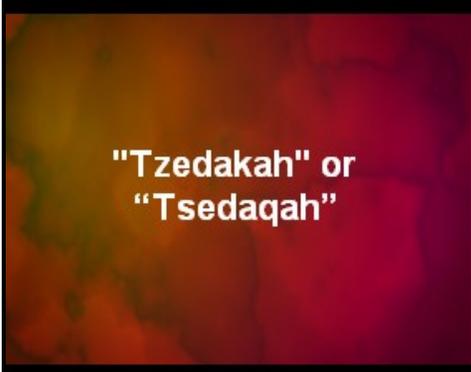
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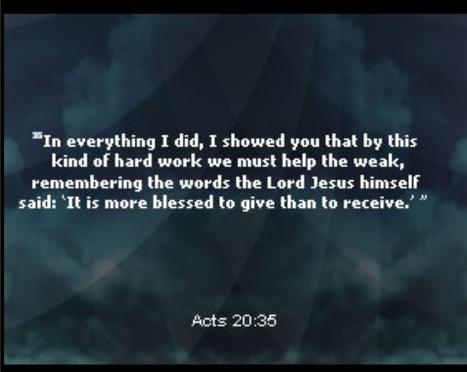
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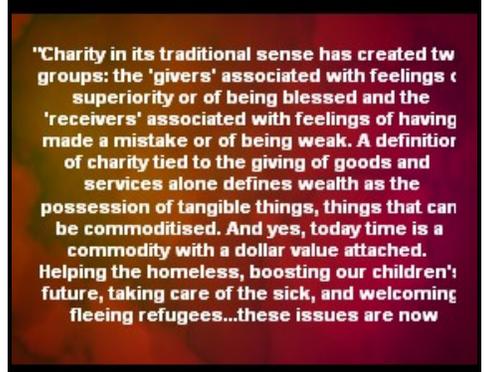
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8. Acts 20:35 (NIV) 1. Acts 20:35



35In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

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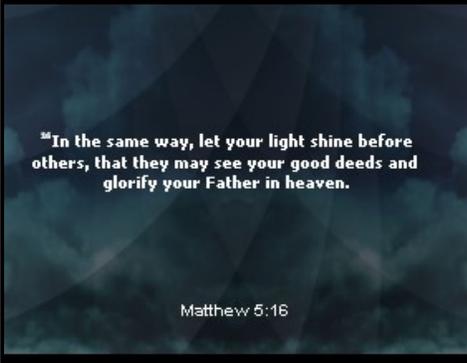
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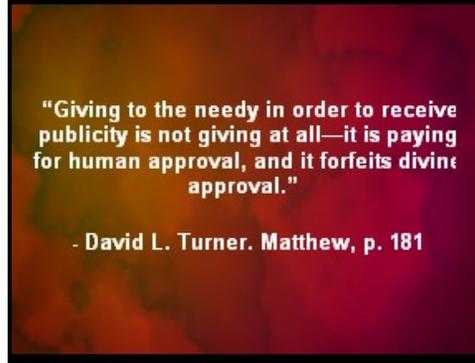
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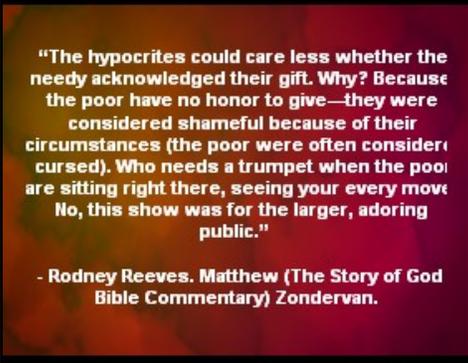
13. "Giving to the needy 1. Page 1



"Giving to the needy in order to receive publicity is not giving at all—it is paying for human approval, and it forfeits divine approval."

- David L. Turner. Matthew, p. 181

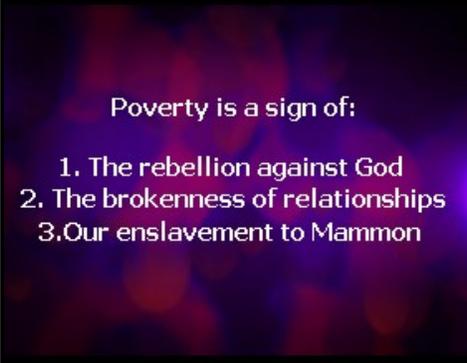
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"The hypocrites could care less whether the needy acknowledged their gift. Why? Because the poor have no honor to give—they were considered shameful because of their circumstances (the poor were often considered cursed). Who needs a trumpet when the poor are sitting right there, seeing your every move. No, this show was for the larger, adoring public."

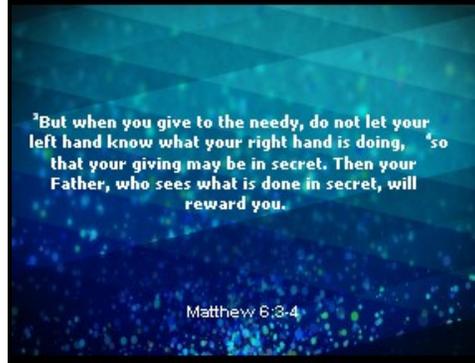
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Poverty is a sign of:
1. The rebellion against God
2. The brokenness of relationships
3. Our enslavement to Mammon

16. Matthew 6:3-4 (NI) 1. Matthew 6:3-4



3But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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