

“Christ Ministers To The Poor”

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- ***This Great Consideration of God for the Poor!!***
- ***We ALL was Poor.***
- ***We ALL will experience times of Need, in our lifetime, at some different level/levels.***
- ***Spiritually, Physically, Financially, Emotionally, Mentally, and in other ways... this attribute is revealed.***

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(Rich Young Ruler) Oh, increased in goods. Certainly this man did. You know what? Jesus told him, if you notice here, He said, "Go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor. And come follow Me. Take up your cross and follow Me, and you'll have riches in heaven." See? What an investment to make, but he chose not to do it.

***Now, so has the Laodicea church age chose the same thing: not to do it.** And remember, when he got so awful rich (as the church has today), the poor laid at his gate, and only got the crumbs that he swept off to the dogs: Lazarus, the poor in spirit.*

***Jesus said in Matthew 5, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs in the Kingdom of heaven."** We don't want to take that place, that rutted place, that way away place of being poor in the spirit. We don't want that. We want somebody to praise us and be big somebody.*

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LUKE 4:17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, **because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;** he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

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102. Who should hear It first? Of course, His subjects. That's who would hear the King's singing first, would be His subjects. And what was His subjects? Kinda striking, isn't it, brethren? It wasn't His clergymen. It wasn't the theologians. That's right.

It wasn't the denominational people. **No, it was shepherds.** Why?

There was a sheep borned, that's the reason. See? **His subjects heard It, who God knew would believe.** **God sent His Message to those who would believe It.** He's all wisdom; He knows where to send His Message, who will believe It. The Highest of Heaven sent to the lowest of man upon the earth.

103. **Jesus said, in Matthew 5, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."** Mary, in... If you're putting them Scriptures down, that's **Matthew 5.** And if you're putting **Scriptures** down... That's what I have written here, is **Scriptures.**

LUKE 7:19. And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? 20. When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, **to the poor the gospel is preached.** 23. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Looking at the meanings of these words...and ones that are connected to them, reflect a much deeper meaning than just POOR (financially or money or value in dollars, cents, monetary exchange).

Poor-- This Greek word is akin to another Greek word... Which Means...

To fall, to fall down, a light person, to fail... to descend from a higher place to a lower

1a) to fall (either from or upon); to be thrust down

1b) metaph. to fall under judgement, came under condemnation

2) to descend from an erect to a prostrate position

2a) to fall down; to be prostrated, fall prostrate; of those overcome by terror or astonishment or grief or under the attack of an evil spirit or of falling dead suddenly; the dismemberment of a corpse by decay; to prostrate one's self; used of suppliants and persons rendering homage or worship to one; to fall out, fall from i.e. shall perish or be lost; to fall down, fall into ruin: of buildings, walls etc.

2b) to be cast down from a state of prosperity; to fall from a state of uprightness; to perish, i.e. come to an end, disappear, cease: of virtues; to lose authority, no longer have force: of sayings, precepts, etc.; to be removed from power by death; to fail of participating in, miss a share in...

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PSALM 34:1-10;

1. A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 *My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.*

3 *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

4 *I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.*

5 *They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.*

6 *This poor man cried,* and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 *The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.*

8 *O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

9 *O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.*

10 *The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.*

Poor-- afflicted, humble, wretched, needy, poor and weak, lowly.

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Matthew 26

11. For ye have the Poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

Mark 14

7. For ye have the Poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

John 12

8. For the Poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

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363 Now let's just raise up our hands, each one in your own way. It's got to be your confession. And I'm going to pray for you here. Now you believe it, and you pray. I'm going to pray for you, and you pray for your own self. Just pray. **Confess your own faults.** **Confess your weakness.** **Make your promise to God that you're not weak anymore;** you're strong. You're not a coward. You're not going to be sick. You're not going to serve sin any longer. You're going to serve God. Make your confession and believe it. It's your soul. It's your responsibility. That's right. Somebody struck fire. That's the way to do it. Just believe it.

364 Lord Jesus, **this great hour is here, the great, crucial moment.** The last day of the feast is here, the last time, the last opportunity. These people are in need. Let the Holy Ghost fall, Lord. May the people see It, feel It, know that that's God, Christ in their life, trying to come in at this time, and give them the great deep desires of their heart. Grant it, Lord. Fill the... them with the Holy Ghost. Heal the sick. Get glory to Thy Name.

365 Now, Satan, you've lost the battle. You've lost the meeting. You lost the victory. I claim victory, in the Name of Jesus Christ, for every person in here. Come out of here, Satan. You can't hold them any longer. I claim them, trophies, for the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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65 But it just takes one word; that breaks the fellowship right there. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. The more your weakness is on disbelieving God's Word; there's where you want to put a new link, strong with the rest of it. If you believe Jesus Christ saves; then you must put a link in there that believes He heals. If you believe He was, you must believe He is. Hallelujah. If you believe He was, and wondering whether He is, that link will break, then you're lost. See what I mean? It's stern it's hard, but it's the Truth. You must believe Him, every Word, everything that He said.

***Stop Confessing that you are SO POOR---
When you are really RICH, in Christ!!!***

PSALM 37:25. *I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

34 Then if I should call it a text, I'd like to use this of strength, "Perfect Strength by Perfect Weakness." If we have weakness we have strength. It's unusual text in a Pentecostal assembly to take a text of weakness, because we're always testifying we're so strong.

93 "My speech," he said, "doesn't... in the enticing words of men and man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit of power."

Now, watch. "What for, Paul? Why'd you do this?"

... That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Oh, what a preacher, this great man who... He sought God, and he said, "God, I am weak, and I don't know what to do. I just pray You, God, to strengthen me, take my infirmities away from me, and these things, so I can be stronger."

God spoke back to him, said, "Paul, My strength is made perfect in your weakness."

Then Paul said, "When I am weak then I am strong." Yes, he said, "Then will... I will glory in my infirmities of my weaknesses and so forth. I'm thanking God that I got all of it out of me. And when I get everything out of me, then God can come in. But as long as I got some of myself there, then God can't get in."

There, that's it; -we smother Him out. We drive Him away with our... From the poorest of us to the richest of us, from the least to the greatest, we keep God out of our lives because of our ourselves.

110 Now, God passes the nobles and gets the weakness. God passes those who thinks they're something to take somebody that don't know nothing to order to work His purpose in their life. That's what we get. God said to Paul, "My strength is perfect in your weakness. My--My strength becomes more perfect as you become more weaker. More you can yield to Me the better I can use you. The more you can forget about your education, the more you can forget about your denomination, the more you can forget about your stuff and yield yourself to Me, the more I can use you. 'Cause you become weak, I'll make My own purpose strong."

God can make strength out of weakness. That's the reason He always does it. When He chose His disciples...

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MATTHEW 6:33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and
his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- NOT Seek ye FIRST money, position, education, popularity, the most likes...
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- I wonder how St. Paul's Income Tax Return looked like for the years he was in Prison ??
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- What was John the Baptist Financial Portfolio and Financial Status like??
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