



Giving to the Poor
Matthew 6:1-4; 1 John 3:16-18

Matthew 6:1-4, "Be careful not to **practice your righteousness** in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 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."

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. ¹⁷If 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? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

The command God gave us: God commands us to _____ the burdens of those in need.

1 John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

The measurement God takes of us: God measures the _____ of our faith by how we help those in need.

1 John 3:17, "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?"

The pattern God set for us: God demonstrates by his own _____ how we must sacrifice for those in need.

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