



## 5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

# Scriptures for God's Compassion for the Poor

*<sup>1</sup>Blessed is he who considers the poor;  
The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive,  
And he will be blessed on the earth;  
You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.  
<sup>3</sup>The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness;  
You will sustain him on his sickbed.” (Psalm 41:1-3 New King James Version)*

*<sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
<sup>7</sup>He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.” (Psalm 146:5, 7 NIV)*

*“It is a sin to belittle one’s neighbor;  
blessed are those who help the poor.” (Proverbs 14:21 New Living Translation)*

*“Whoever mistreats the poor insults their Maker,  
but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”  
(Proverbs 14:31 New Century Version)*

*“Those who mock the poor insult their Maker;  
those who rejoice at the misfortune of others will be punished.”  
(Proverbs 17:5 New Living Translation)*

*“If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—  
and he will repay you!” (Proverbs 19:17 New Living Translation)*

*“What is desirable in a man is his kindness,  
And it is better to be a poor man than a liar.” (Proverbs 19:22 NASB)*

*<sup>5</sup>Is this the kind of fasting I have chosen? Should people humble themselves  
for only a day? Is fasting just bowing your head like a cattail and making  
your bed from sackcloth and ashes? Is this what you call fasting? Is this an  
acceptable day to the Lord?*

<sup>6</sup>*This is the kind of fasting I have chosen: Loosen the chains of wickedness, untie the straps of the yoke, let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke.*

<sup>7</sup>*Share your food with the hungry, take the poor and homeless into your house, and cover them with clothes when you see them naked. Don't refuse to help your relatives.*

<sup>8</sup>*Then your light will break through like the dawn, and you will heal quickly. Your righteousness will go ahead of you, and the glory of the Lord will guard you from behind.*

<sup>9</sup>*Then you will call, and the Lord will answer. You will cry for help, and he will say, 'Here I am!'"* (Isaiah 58:5-9 God's Word Translation)

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*"<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'"* (Luke 14:12-14 NIV)

*"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do."* (Galatians 2:10 NIV)

*"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."* (Galatians 6:10 KJV)

*"He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need."* (Ephesians 4:28 NIV)

*"<sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."* (1 John 3:17-18 NIV)

## Questions

- 1** What practical examples of repentance did John the Baptist use to help people who asked for direction?
- 2** What practical examples of repentance did Daniel give King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel chapter 4?
- 3** We are only to do good and help those in our own church.  
True or False

### **We want to hear from you!**

We would love to hear your feedback on these lessons and how you use them in your own study or in discipling others. If you have any thoughts, stories, testimonies, comments, or questions we would love to hear them!

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## Answer Key

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- 2** What practical examples of repentance did Daniel give King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel chapter 4?

***“Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.”*** (Daniel 4:27)

- 3** We are only to do good and help those in our own church.

**False**

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