

CONCERN FOR THE POOR / *Matthew 25:40*

Concern and care for the poor are essential to truly biblical Christianity.

We are not to take advantage of the needy.

Exodus 22:25-27

We are not to charge interest or make a profit on food sold to them.

Leviticus 25:35-37

Every third year the tithe was to be given to the poor people.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29

We are instructed to give generously to the poor.

Deuteronomy 15:11; Matthew 6:2-4

Jesus had special concern for the place of the poor.

Luke 4:18-19; 6:20-21

Paul was eager to remember the poor.

Galatians 2:10

The Bible teaches that Christians should care for the poor, so what can you do?

Feed the poor.

Contribute to a food relief organization.

Volunteer to help in a community program.

Work through your church to develop a project to help the needy.

Consider giving extra tithe to help ministries that assist the poor.

Secure justice for the poor.

Help widows, orphans, aliens, and the oppressed.

Help agencies that work for housing, education, and job opportunities for needy people.

Uphold the cause of the poor.

Stand against oppression.

Intercede for even one person.

Write to Christian missions and encourage them to support the cause of the poor.

Tell your deacons that you will help a poor person under their supervision.