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“Where have we any command in the Bible laid down in stronger terms, and in a more peremptory urgent manner, than the command of giving to the poor?” –Jonathan Edwards

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“...it is the absolute and indispensable duty of the people of God, to give bountifully and willingly for supplying the wants of the needy...”

-Jonathan Edwards

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Why Should We Care?

- **The image of God**
- **The character of God**
- **The grace of God**



The Image of God

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Proverbs 14:31 (ESV)

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.



Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.



Proverbs 31:8-9 (ESV)

Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. ⁹ Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.



**“This film gave a voice to survivors,
and this Oscar amplifies that voice
which we hope will become a choir
that will resonate all the way to the
Vatican...Pope Francis, it is time to
protect the children and restore the
faith.” -Michael Sugar**

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The character of God

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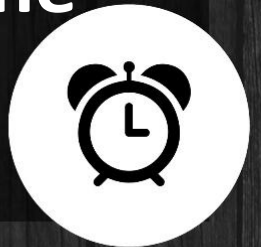
Proverbs 21:13 (ESV)

Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor
will himself call out and not be answered.



Psalm 146:7-9 (ESV)

[God] who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.



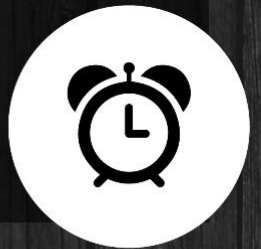
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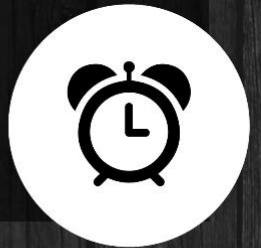
To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.













“People say, See how they love one another...One in mind and soul, we do not hesitate to share our earthly goods with one another. We have all things in common except our wives.”

-Tertullian

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The grace of God

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“...a true experience of the grace of Jesus Christ inevitably motivates a man or woman to seek justice in the world.” –Tim Keller

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Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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