

# GOD'S HEART FOR THE POOR

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Throughout scripture, God shows himself on the side of \_\_\_\_\_

*If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD — and He will repay you!*  
Proverbs 19:17(NLT)

*Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.* Proverbs 14:31

*Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.* Proverbs 21:13(NLT)

*If any one of you 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 you?*  
1 John 3:17

*“Each one of the poor is Jesus in disguise.”*  
Mother Teresa

*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

*“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’*

*“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’*

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

*45 “...He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.*

Matthew 25:31-46

*Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.* 1 John 3:18 (TLB)

*Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say, “Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat well” — but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?* James 2:15 (NLT)

*Whoever ... gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”*  
Matthew 10:42 (NAS)

*“There is your brother, naked and crying! And you stand confused over the choice of an attractive floor covering.”*  
Ambrose

*“The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor.”*  
Basil the Great

*“When you see on earth the man who has encountered the shipwreck of poverty, do not judge him, do not seek an account of his life, but free him from his misfortune.”*  
John Chrysostom

## ***How Will I Put This Into Action?***

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