

Is the church raising up useless Christians?

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Luke 6:32-34 NLT If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! ³³ And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! ³⁴ And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

- Are you helping the poor you find on streets 24/7?
- How do you serve God in your work?
- How do you treat your schoolmates?
- How do you treat your employees?
- How do you serve God in your family?
- Do you give time to your family as well as to work?
- Do you give time to your family like your friends, hobbies, church?
- Do you give time to your wife, husband, children, and to the rest of your family?
- Do you bless someone on the street or curse people during traffic?
- How do you serve God with strangers?
- Do you extend that helping hand to immigrants?
- Have you given food you to someone you don't know?
- Have you given to people clothes you don't need?

Matthew 25:35-36 NLT For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

5 Ministries that Jesus clearly and specifically indicates to us to serve others.

- **1** For I was **hungry** and they gave me food; **Jesus is talking about serving the poor.**
- **2** I was a **stranger** and they gave me **lodging**; **Jesus is talking about serving immigrants**
- **3** I needed **clothes** and they clothed me; **Jesus is talking about serving those who have lost everything**

- **4** I was sick and was **treated**; **Jesus is talking about serving the sick.**
- **5** I was in **prison** and they **visited me**; **Jesus is talking about serving people deprived of their freedom.**

Matthew 25:31-46 NLT But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

Who are the Righteous?

- Psalm 37 **The righteous shall inherit** the earth;
- Psalm 5 Lord , **you bless the righteous,**
- Proverbs 18:10 A strong tower is the name of the Lord; to it **the righteous run and take refuge.**
- James 5:16 **The prayer of the righteous** is powerful and effective.

The righteous are those who **Believe**, have **Faith** and **Obey** Christ.

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