



# Beggars

How does Jesus view beggars?

Let's jump in!

19 There was a certain **rich man**, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared **sumptuously every day**:

20 And there was a certain **beggar** named **Lazarus**, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the **beggar died**, and was **carried by the angels** into Abraham's bosom: the **rich man also died**, and was buried;

23 And ***in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments***, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

**Luke 16:19-23 KJV**

# LAZARUS THE BEGGAR



# BEGGAR MEANING I

## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* reduced to beggary, begging, asking alms
- II.* destitute of wealth, influence, position, honour
  - A.* lowly, afflicted, destitute of the Christian virtues and eternal riches
  - B.* helpless, powerless to accomplish an end
  - C.* poor, needy
- III.* lacking in anything
  - A.* as respects their spirit
    - i.* destitute of wealth of learning and intellectual culture which the schools afford (men of this class most readily give themselves up to Christ's teaching and proved them selves fitted to lay hold of the heavenly treasure)



# BEGGAR MEANING 2

Thayer's Greek Lexicon [?]

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## STRONGS G4434:

COLLAPSE

πτωχός, **πτωχή**, **πτωχόν** (**πτώσσω**, to be thoroughly frightened, to cower down or hide oneself for fear; hence, **πτωχός** properly, one who slinks and crouches), often involving the idea of roving about in wretchedness (see **πένης**, at the end; "but it always had a bad sense till it was ennobled in the Gospels; see Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20, cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9" (Liddell and Scott, under I.)); hence,

1. in classical Greek from Homer down, **reduced to beggary, begging, mendicant, asking alms**: Luke 14:13, 21; Luke 16:20, 22.

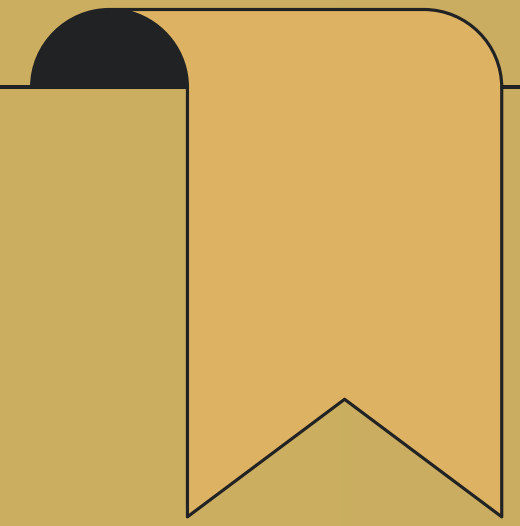
**Ennobled**: Give someone a noble rank or title.



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# The Blind Beggar

## Luke 18:35-43



35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain **blind man** sat by the way side **begging**:

36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And **they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace**: but he cried so much the more, **Thou son of David, have mercy on me.**

40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 Saying, **What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?** And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: ***thy faith hath saved thee.***

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

# The Poor Widow

## Mark 12:41-44

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41 He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

42 A **poor widow** came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this **poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.**

44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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She gave

100%



# Help Those In Need

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## 2 Corinthians 8:11-14

11 Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

13 **For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between**

14 ***your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality.***

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## Romans 15:25-27

25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints,

26 for Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to **share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.**

27 They were pleased to do this, and indeed they owe it to them, for if the ***gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material things.***

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# Love Without Dissimulation

## Romans 12:9

9 Let **love be without dissimulation**. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

**DISSIMULATION**, n. [L., to make like; like.]

The act of dissembling; a hiding under a false appearance; a feigning; false pretension; hypocrisy. Dissimulation may be simply concealment of the opinions, sentiments or purpose; but it includes also the assuming of a false or counterfeit appearance which conceals the real opinions or purpose. Dissimulation among statesmen is sometimes regarded as a necessary vice, or as no vice at all.

Let love be without dissimulation. Rom 12.





# James 2:1-9

## Do Not Be Partial

Love one another.

My brothers and sisters, **do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality.**

2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," 4

**have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?** 5 Listen, my beloved

brothers and sisters. Has not **God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom** that

he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you?

Is it not they who drag you into the courts? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. 9 ***But if you show partiality, you commit sin*** and are convicted by the law

as transgressors.



Treat the beggar the same

way you would treat

someone you highly respect.

