

FAITH, LOVE, ACTION! – Caring for the Sick

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1 Kings 2:19 (NIV) – “When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her, and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king’s mother, and she sat down at his right hand”.

Proverbs 31:1-5 (NIV) – “The sayings of King Lemuel – an inspired utterance his mother taught him. Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb! Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers! Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings. It is not for kings, Lemuel – it is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights”.

Proverbs 31:20 (NIV) – “She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy”.

Proverbs 31:27-30 (NIV) – “She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all’. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised”.

Matthew 25:34-36 (NIV) - “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’”.

“sick” = Greek *astheneo* – “weak, feeble, without strength”

“look after” = Greek *episkeptomai* – “to inspect, to go and see”

Luke 17:11-14 (NIV) – Now on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When He saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests”. And as they went, they were cleansed.

Mark 1:40-42 (NKJV) – Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean”. Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed”. As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

“The one condition of healing was obedience. Ordered, they must obey. If He was master as they had cried He was, then let them prove their faith by their obedience” – **Reverend James Morison**

Luke 17:15-19 (NIV) – One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him – and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then He said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well”.

John 9:35-41 (NIV) – Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when He found him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man”? “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him”. Jesus said, “You have now seen Him; in fact, He is the one speaking with you”. Then the man said,

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“Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him. Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind”. Some Pharisees who were with him heard Him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?” Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains”.

“I used to be very backward in using spectacles for some time, because I could almost see without them, and I did not wish to be an old gentleman too soon. But now that I cannot read my notes at all without wearing spectacles, I put them on without a moment’s hesitation, and I do not care whether you think me old or not. So when a man comes to feel thoroughly guilty, he does not mind depending on God” –

Charles Spurgeon

Matthew 23:37 (NIV) - “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing”.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV) – “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers”.