

THE
MATTHEW 25
CHALLENGE

Matthew 25 Challenge

Part 3: Living Out Matthew 25 Locally

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- Luke 16:19-26: Adjusting Our Vision

“Social mercy is based on obedience to God and depends on God’s love for His...children. We cannot maintain or manufacture a false love. Nothing short of God’s supernatural care and concern will suffice.”

G. Thomas, “Authentic Faith,” p. 118

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Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:32-35

³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of land or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostle's feet, *and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

*How has this played out over
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- 3) Calling out the 'Mr. Rogers' within us all: How can I be a neighbor those living right next to me?

