

VISION PATH
Find A Need And Meet It
Matthew 25:31-46
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How should a Christian see the world?

COMPASSIONATE GOD

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” 13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2:12-13 NIV

Mercy is not receiving what we deserve.

He will not leave you, destroy you, or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them by oath, because the LORD your God is a compassionate God.

Deuteronomy 4:31 CSB

So if God is loving and compassionate we should be, too.

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 CSB

THE POOR WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US

Jesus was not the first to say this.

For there will never cease to be poor people in the land; that is why I am commanding you, ‘Open your hand willingly to your poor and needy brother in your land.’ Deuteronomy 15:11 CSB

HELPING OTHERS BECAUSE JESUS LOVES US

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.

Matthew 25:40 NIV

Jesus says our neighbor is anyone in need like the Samaritan who helped the Jewish man who was mugged and abandoned.

Believers act out of love and help others.

“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.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Matthew 25:45-46 NIV

Your actions in life will betray the nature and thoughts of your heart.

OUTREACH

Over the years some of the outreach we have done was:

Warming shelter or hotel rooms when cold

Trick or Treat on Old Town Streets

Friend Zone in the park for school kids in the summer

Angel Tree gifts for the children of incarcerated parents

Food Pantry feeding 200 families a week

As well as local, regional and international mission efforts

When that is true your actions will be caring, full of mercy and love and the world will not understand that nor can the world ignore it.

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples
if you **love one another.***

John 13:35 NIV

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