

The Poor #5

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Monday:

For almost 2 years, we have been talking about the seven elements of our spiritual DNA. These are: The Kingdom of God, Knowing God as Father, Grace, Family and Relationships, Equipping the Saints, Signs and Wonders, and The Poor.

Anytime you ever get to read or listen to Dallas Willard, you should do it. It's along the lines, kind of the same stream of the stuff we talk about around here. He defines grace as God's divine ability to do in you and through you that which you cannot do on your own.

Family and relationships are presently under some extreme testing. We're getting tested and that's a good thing. God is testing us on how to relate to one another in love, so there's going to be a lot of relationship challenges.

Anytime you make a problem that comes up more important than the relationship, the relationship is in trouble.

We're living in a generation that is going to see the greatest display of signs, wonders and miracles that's ever existed before. You are not only going to see the sick healed, the dead raised and demons cast out, but God wants you to be involved in that. He wants you to be a conduit where the Kingdom of God can come.

Remember, whatever you do to, with or for the poor, you're doing it as unto Jesus.

Tuesday:

There are different ways to be poor: One can be physically poor, relationally poor, poor in resources but the poorest of the poor are those who are poor spiritually.

In Revelation 3, there is a letter to the church in Laodicea noted for being a lukewarm church. The characteristic of a lukewarm person is having no intimacy with the Father. They are believers, but are lukewarm in their expression of their religion; not desperate to hear the Lord and are unaware of what God is doing.

If we're not interacting with Him, we don't know what He's doing... in us, in our family, or in our church. If one is not careful, they can get lazy about spiritual things, can lose their zeal for what God is doing and get ungrateful for all the blessings of God. They can also get comfortable and safety- oriented.

Your flesh is geared for comfort, but if you're going to walk with the Lord, you're going

to be out of the comfort zone all of the time. *“The comfort zone is where dreams or visions go to die”*. So don't be looking for the comfort zone.

A lukewarm church is a church without the presence of God, and has no divine revelation. It's man-led, not spirit-led and they make it okay without God. These can be ingrown, self focused, having no vision, high-centered, spiritually irrelevant, and their lives are not making a difference.

If you want to make a difference in your life, you have to get out of the lukewarm state. If and when you get a spark and see that you're in a lukewarm state, get your focus back on the Lord. There could be some really, really intense testing for you, but it's worth it.

Wednesday:

Luke 4:18-19 says, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord”*.

This is a mandate for the true church. It's the mandate and mission of individuals in the body of Christ. These things are important for all of us, not just for church leadership.

All of us should be aware of those around us who are going through a hard time. Maybe it's grief, maybe it's a breakup. Whatever it is, you have what everybody in the world is looking for. You have more than you realize you have, so get out there and get in the mix and get involved with people.

It's our job to heal up the brokenhearted, tell the good news to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to the captives. God has delegated authority to you to do these things and to bind up, to loose and nurture these people along, to get them connected with the Father. Your goal is to get them to embrace that relationship with the Father.

Spiritually, you have the benefit of having a kingdom mindset and perspective about things, and have a supernatural ability to fix that in people, whether it's physical, actual blindness, or that they are blind to spiritual things; to liberate those who are oppressed or under demonic attack.

Thursday:

It's the Father's heart for the unfortunate. If it's been two weeks or 30 years, we've been preparing you for this all along. There's not a group anywhere that I know of that should be more prepared to do the stuff we're talking about than you. But you will never know that until you start putting these things to the test.

Please, please read Luke 7: 18-23. This scripture sets a huge tone for the rest of this

message.

Verses 22-23 say, “*Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of me*”.

This scripture reveals to us the importance of the poor to Jesus, how important it was to Him and how important this should be to us as well. It’s a huge key to kingdom manifestation and advancement.

One of the reasons God has blessed the things around here is because we’ve made the things important here that are important to Him. And when you do that, the full blessing of God is on it.

Here at Trinity, our ultimate goal has been not to just give the poor what they need, but to get them connected with the Lord, and give them an opportunity to connect to the family of our house, because we think that’s important.

There’s no biblical reference for someone living a successful Christian life outside the body of believers. Why? Because there’s no way to contribute and bless the body of Christ without this connection.

Friday:

It’s one thing to overlook the poor, but it’s totally a whole other thing to ignore them. So let’s be aware of someone in your circle going through a rough time, someone in a place of misfortune, or those who are just out there in a bad place in life. Whatever you do for them is like doing it unto Jesus.

25 years ago, the Lord said to me, “*Andy, there is incredible potential in the poor in every community, and nobody’s contending for them*”. That’s a picture of where the modern church is today.

There are people out there under generational defeat and failure. It takes people like you to give them what you have. They need a spark of someone to give them what you have. The Bible say’s, “*freely it has been given to you, freely give*”. So you need to give out what you have.

I was sitting on my porch yesterday, with no agenda. I didn’t hear God say anything to me, but I felt myself overcome by the goodness of God, and all I could do was just say, “*Thank You, God. You have been so good to me. Thank you for letting me be alive at this moment in time*”.

Each one of you should stop and take time to reflect, every now and then, on how God has been good to you.

Personally, I believe that the good news told to the poor is just as supernatural as the dead being raised.

Look for opportunities for someone who's going through a rough time, because it could be right there where the supernatural power, the miracle, is going to happen. It's in those things. I think this is a key, and I've never seen it before.

Saturday:

If you are really, really lucky, you have someone in your circle who is a problem and hard to love, because it's in those things that our own heart is revealed to us. So it's in these acts of love, helping the poor, that the supernatural power of God is going to be seen. It's not so much what you should do. It's the heart in which you do it. It's always about the heart.

The potential for signs, wonders and miracles as you help those who are dealing in some kind of misfortune is extremely high right now. A year ago the Lord said that there's a space in time, but I don't know how long, where God's people can operate in unparalleled favor. So what are you doing with the favor that God has given?

God blesses you so you can bless someone else. It might just be as simple as leading someone to the Lord, or praying with him out of a bad spot, a dark spot into a better place. It could be praying for someone to come alive again who has died. You are going to see that in this generation.

Your job is not to figure it all out, but to be faithful to what you think the Lord is telling you. You will miss every now and then, but you're going to miss a whole lot less that you think you will, because it's spiritual stuff.

God wants you to start testing out your spiritual legs a little bit. He honors steps of faith. You have all the faith you need, but what you do with that faith is going to decide for you whether that faith is strong and can move mountains, or it does nothing.

There's incredible potential in the poor, in every community, and nobody's contending for them, but we're going to contend for them. So, here's the question: who in your path is in an unfortunate place, and what are you going to do about it?