

The Poor #6

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Monday:

If you don't think you are God's favorite, you must not have spent much time with Him lately, because that's how He makes you feel.

Have you noticed lately how many high profile people have been coming to Jesus? It's God's way. It's happening to athletes, sport figures, actors, social media influencers, podcasters, musicians, even politicians. It's happening all over.

Just in case you are new to Trinity Fellowship, here are the seven elements of our spiritual DNA: The Kingdom of God, Relating to God as Father, Grace, Family and Relationships, Equipping the Saints for the work of the ministry, Signs & Wonders and The Poor.

Right on the heels of our relationship with the Father is our relationship with one another. That's why they're so challenging. The greatest joy in life and the greatest challenges come through relationships. And we are in a time where God is really testing families in their relationships.

Tuesday:

I want you to see to all these things that Jesus mentioned in Luke 7:22: Preach the Good News to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and recover the sight of the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed, and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. All of these point to the disadvantaged.

A lot of people think that when you're talking about the Kingdom of God, you're talking about heaven. Heaven is important, and it's included in the Kingdom of God, but the Kingdom of God is bigger than heaven.

Jack Taylor said it this way, "*When God said, let there be light, light started going in every direction, and it's never stopped since He said it*".

In Luke 7:22-23, Jesus told John's disciples to tell John that the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the gospel preached to them. We are entering a time where you'll have encounters and you'll feel the urge not to just pray, but to declare something into being. These are things that should be happening in the Kingdom of God on a regular basis.

Start taking time with the Father and go with no agenda. Sometimes He will say things to you, and sometimes He doesn't say anything. But the prize, the real prize to be had is not what He says, but the real prize to be had is His presence. It's a matter of you learning to be aware of His presence.

Wednesday:

Sometimes people are blind or suffering in some way so that someone being obedient can have an encounter with them, so God can cause a miracle to happen right there. Can our encounters with the poor have the same potential?

If your answer is YES, then every encounter you have with those that are disadvantaged in any way is an opportunity for the Kingdom of God to be manifest. There are open doors for the supernatural power of God.

Please read Luke 10: 25-37. I guarantee you will get more out of this story about the Good Samaritan than ever before.

For the Pharisees and many people today, it is all about what they did, or do. We're not righteous because of what we do. We're righteous because of what He did. That's grace! You've been declared free and innocent, so what do you say to that? Start acting like it!

When Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman at the well, He approached her with agape-unconditional love with no condemnation. Jesus, being a Jew, broke Jewish law to even step foot in Samaria, not to mention talking to a Samaritan.

Thursday:

There's a difference between just accepting someone and valuing someone, and we need to learn to do it like Jesus did.

The only people you ever find Jesus hard on are those who were over-religious, like the scribes and Pharisees, especially the leaders of the scribes and Pharisees.

Like we have talked about before, the poorest of the poor are those who are poor spiritually. Those who don't know Jesus, or those who are so over-religious.

In Revelation 3, Jesus addressed the church in Laodicea. He said, "*You say we're rich and have need of nothing, but you're wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire*".

Who's your neighbor? Anyone who you come in contact with or encounter along the way, who's disadvantaged. That's your neighbor.

Friday:

People can be poor in a lot of ways; spiritually, emotionally, relationally or physically. But please remember this. In John 5:19, Jesus said, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what He see the Father do*". You have to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit for His leading.

You don't have to go around looking for everybody, but when you have these encounters, they could be there so that the works of God, the power of God can be made manifest. When you start trying this out, you find out that it works.

There is no biblical reference for the government, federal, state or local, for them to take care of the poor. But there's plenty of biblical references for the people of God to take care of the poor. Here's my quote, "*the poor in America need the church, but not nearly as much as the church needs the poor*".

These things are a test of your heart. It's all about the heart. It's those in your circle of influence; your family, the people you associate with, the people you know and have dealings with. You know, a problem person.

Saturday:

It's your heart that's getting tested and it shows you where your heart is. It reveals things in you, that need to be fixed. If you are going to be a kingdom person, that's something that has to be fixed in you.

Most people would rather give to somebody, a church, or some benevolent organization, rather than them doing it themselves. There's nothing wrong with giving, but it doesn't relieve you of the responsibility of putting a little time and effort into helping, even if it's just to pray for someone to have a job. That's what makes the supernatural happen. This incredibly grows faith of those who are obedient.

Anytime you do the right thing according to the rules of the kingdom, there's no way you cannot keep something good from coming your way. You can do stuff all day long with a wrong heart and no blessings come your way. God always moves on the intent of someone's heart.

Lord, deal with our hearts so we don't look the other way or walk on the other side of the street. Correct us immediately. Let us go back if we have to make it right. Fix that part of our heart.

