



“Whoever stops his ear at the cry of the poor; he also shall cry and shall not be heard.”  
Proverbs 21:13

You always will reap what you sow! Don't be deceived – the Lord will not be mocked! (Galatians 6:7) The heart of the Lord has always been toward those that are disadvantaged. In the Law He made special provisions for the poor. “You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty *over the poor*. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.” (Leviticus 19:15). You will always have opportunity to minister to the poor, “for the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, “You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to the poor and needy in your land.” (Deuteronomy 15:11).

The Gospel is to be preached to the poor. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor...” (Luke 4:18). To minister to the poor and the down and out is to minister to the Lord Jesus. “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You as a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to You?” And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, in as much, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:37 – 40).

When was the last time you ministered to the Lord in such a personal and practical way?

Is there someone you know of right now whom you can serve, and in so doing, be found serving Jesus the Christ?

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