



“Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; rid them out of the hand of the wicked... all the foundations of the earth are out of course. ... *for* you shall die like *all* men and fall like one of the princes. Arise, O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit all nations.” Psalm 82:3 – 4, 7 – 8

Do you have a soft spot within your heart for the widow and the orphan? What of the poor and needy? The disadvantaged for many reasons, are looked upon by our Lord with, it seems, special attention. Their misfortunes are His opportunity to reveal His great kindness of character and compassion of heart. Believe not for a moment that these who find themselves in such dire situation are in those predicaments to the end that God may show-off His goodness! Never! But it is precisely their hardship that moves our Lord to reach out to them and in so doing He calls us to be His hands in touching their lives.

“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 broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord!” (Luke 4:18-19).

Ministry that reaches out to the poor and fatherless, to the afflicted and needy touches not the hearts of those in need, but it also touches the heart of the Father as well.

Do you even know a poor person? What of the needy or the widow or the orphan?

What can you do to help them? How would you reach out to them in Jesus’ name to serve them, to bless them, or to help them? When will you reach out?

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