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**Christian Hoarders?**

**A Quick Look Back:**

Acts 1:1-4:31

**The Passage:**

Acts 4:32-37

This passage *IS NOT* saying…

🞄 We’re supposed to **SELL EVERYTHING** and live in a **COMMUNE**.

🞄 Any **DISPARITY** in wealth or possessions is **EVIL**.

This passage *IS* saying…

🞄 When God’s grace is powerfully at work in us,

we will **TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER**.

**A Closer Look At God’s Plan For Meeting Needs**

In a crisis **EVERYONE** needs to **CHIP IN**.

It’s better to help **TOO MUCH** than to help **TOO LITTLE**.

Proverbs 28:27/ Proverbs 19:17 & Proverbs 21:13/ Proverbs 29:7

But there is a biblical priority for meeting needs.

1 Timothy 5:8 & Mark 7:9-12/ Galatians 6:10/ Luke 10:25-37

🞄 Take care of your **FAMILY** first.

🞄 Take care of your **SPIRITUAL FAMILY** second.

🞄 Take care of those **GOD PUTS IN YOUR PATH**.

Don’t put a **PAN IN THE PANTS** of those God is trying to discipline.

2 Thessalonians 3:10/ Proverbs 19:15

God rewards our **GENEROSITY** with more to be **GENEROUS** with.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

**Food for Thought for the week of March 29, 2020**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Larry talked about responding to the current crisis with generosity. The ultimate motivation for generosity is simply as a response to all Jesus has done for us. Understanding and being genuinely thankful for what Jesus has done for us is often a first step in developing a generous mindset. What blessings from Christ are found in the following verses that could inspire generosity?

1 Timothy 1:16-17

1 Timothy 2:3-6

1 Peter 1:3-5

One of the keys to building generosity into your life is learning to be content with what you have. How can the principles in Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34 help you grow in your ability to be content with much or with little?

2. The Bible is quite clear that Christians are to help those in need, especially during a time of crisis. How could the following verses help you discern which needs you should seek to meet and which ones to let go?

Matthew 25:37-40

Jeremiah 22:15-16

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10

1 Timothy 5:8

In light of the current crisis and Larry’s biblical priority list for meeting needs, are there any needs you want to consider meeting?