

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?