

Christian Liberty

by C.H. Spurgeon

True Christian liberty involves thoughtful and intentional giving, and those who consider the poor will receive the Lord's help in times of trouble.

Scripture: Psalm 41:1, Proverbs 19:17, Matthew 25:40, Luke 6:38, Galatians 6:2, James 2:15

Topics: "Compassion for the Poor", "Charity"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the Christian duty of considering the poor, as highlighted in Psalm 41:1, which promises divine deliverance to those who care for others in need. He critiques the hurried and thoughtless giving that lacks genuine compassion, urging believers to thoughtfully engage with the plight of the poor and devise meaningful assistance. Spurgeon asserts that true charity involves both care and financial support, and that God rewards those who actively help others during their times of trouble. He encourages Christians to be generous, reminding them that their acts of kindness will invoke God's providential help in their own times of distress. Ultimately, Spurgeon calls for believers to empty their pockets and hearts in service to the needy, assuring them of God's faithfulness in return.

Transcript

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. (Psalm 41:1)

To think about the poor and let them lie on our hearts is a Christian man's duty; for Jesus put them with us and near us when He said, "The poor ye have always with you."

Many give their money to the poor in a hurry, without thought; and many more give nothing at all. This precious promise belongs to those who "consider" the poor, look into their case, devise plans for their benefit, and considerately carry them out. We can do more by care than by cash, and most with two together. To those who consider the poor, the Lord promises His own consideration in times of distress. He will bring us out of trouble if we help others when they are in trouble.

We shall receive very singular providential help if the Lord sees that we try to provide for others. We shall have a time of trouble, however generous we may be; but if we are charitable, we may put in a claim for peculiar deliverance, and the Lord will not deny His own word and bond. Miserly curmudgeons may help themselves, but considerate and generous believers the Lord will help. As you have done unto others, so will the Lord do unto you. Empty your pockets.

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