

# Useful for the Master - Part 4

by Jackie Pullinger

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*Jackie Pullinger's sermon emphasizes the essential role of ministering to the poor as a reflection of God's heart and a fundamental aspect of Christian faith.*

**Duration:** 9:10

**Scripture:** Psalm 41:1, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 22:9, Isaiah 58:10, Matthew 25:40, Luke 6:20, Luke 14:13-14, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Galatians 2:10, James 2:5

**Topics:** "Social Justice", "Kingdom Living"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of ministering to the poor as a fundamental requirement for all Christians, highlighting God's heart for the marginalized and the need to reach out to them in various capacities. It challenges believers to consider their role in uplifting others and bringing about the Kingdom of God, stressing that ministry to the poor is not optional but a core aspect of following Jesus.

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## Transcript

I noticed there was a mistake in the introduction when my brother here, Pandu, said some words about me and the book that was written in French paper. It wasn't cultural. He was talking about me and said that I had a great commitment to the Lord.

And that's not cultural. The whole story is about this woman here. That's the whole story.

And that's the whole story. And I hope that that can be of encouragement to you today. I have to tell you this, that the longer I minister in the name of the Lord Jesus, the less I feel worthy, and the less I feel able, and the less I feel equipped, and the more I live by faith.

So should there be any, in either stage of a conference, I'm feeling it's a bit much for you, because the work today is for you who are pure in spirit and who feel free. For those who are ready to conquer the world, I guess you can join another seminar. I want to talk about God's heart to the poor.

I know that talking is not easy, and it's sometimes a shame about how to reach people in New Zealand and about how to reach people on the island nearby and about how to reach the world. And I want to talk to you about God's life. It's my life.

And you'll realize by the end of this evening that I am extremely prejudiced about whom I think God wants us to minister to. But I think it's God's prejudice. And I hope that by the end you may understand why I

believe it's God's bias.

In relation to the chapter where the church, Prince Peter and John have been discussing and praying with Paul and Barnabas what their work in the church should be, what ministry they should separate themselves to, which one should be which bit. And possibly this may be one of the things that you ask the Lord to show you. Where should I be in? What kind of work should I be doing? What is my place in the uplifting of your path? How can I bring the Kingdom of God about? But here is one word that was given to Paul and Barnabas when they were separated to what you could call a specialized work, which is the Gentiles.

This was given to us in verse 10 of chapter 2, verse 8. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor. The very thing I was eager to do. And I have to say to everyone here that no matter what your ministry will be, and to whichever people, whether you be in gospel as a secretary, or if you're a man, or somebody who writes letters, somebody who goes out to the street, somebody who learns another language, whatever, ministry to the poor is for every man and it's not optional.

This is, I believe, the basic minimum requirement for all Christians. And I hope to show today and tomorrow from Scripture why, even to the extent that I wonder if we are not involved with ministry to the poor. If we've ever known Jesus.

I believe it's as simple as that. It's a natural or supernatural for one who has been touched by his heart. I don't think it's possible.

I really don't think it's possible for one who has been touched by his heart and not to reach out to the poor. Because why? And should we want to reach this part of this city? Should we want to reach this city? Should we want to reach New Zealand and the islands beyond and the people beyond, and the people beyond death? The quickest way to reach, I don't know what other ways we've been learning in the last few days, but I want to tell you the quickest way to reach the world. Easily the quickest way, easily the quickest way.

If you want to get a job done quick, is to aim for the poor. Even if you go to specialised ministry to business men or housewives or whatever or whatever, you can have that. But if you want to reach the world the quickest way and impress the most number of people with the heart of Jesus, aim for the poor.

They are where we are supposed to start. But one quickest way, one quickest way, there's politics, or it works in a different way. Brothers, sisters, think of what you were when you were called.

Not many of you were wise by human standards. Not many were influential. Not many were of noble birth.

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. This is the norm, not the exception. This is the norm.

God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lonely things of this world and the despised things and the things that are not, denied by the things that are.

So that no man may boast before them. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God, that is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. Therefore I say this very thing, listen to Gospels.

Gospels, in the Lord. So here it says, not many wise, not many...

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